



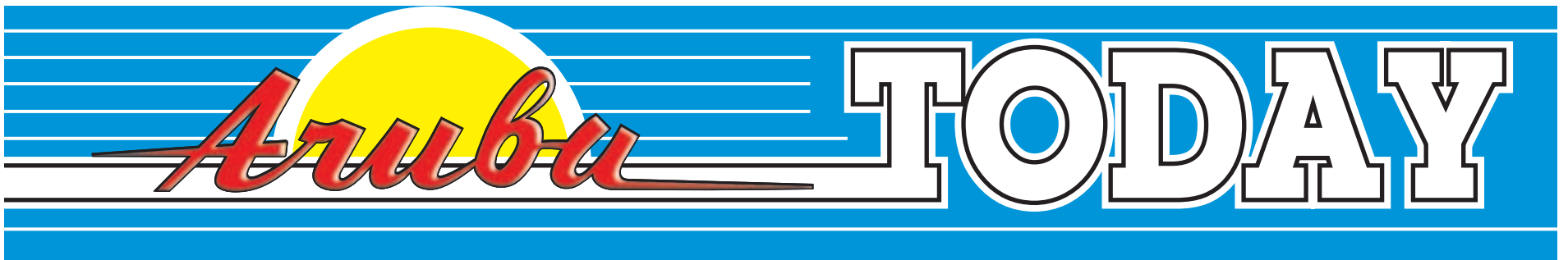
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President Barack Obama lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

# Obama, Honoring the Fallen, Vows to Support Veterans

**MARK LANDLER**

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama, just back from a surprise visit to the troops in Afghanistan, honored America's fallen warriors in a solemn Memorial Day ceremony Monday and acknowledged the need to confront the widening scandal at the nation's veterans hospitals. "As we've been reminded in recent days, we must do more to keep faith with our veterans and their fami-

lies to make sure they get the care and benefits and opportunities that they've earned and that they deserve," Obama said to an audience gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. "These Americans have done their duty," the president said, as the crowd broke out in applause. "They ask nothing more than that our country does ours, now and for decades to come."

The embattled secretary of veterans affairs, Eric Shin-

seki, was among those listening to Obama. But the president, unlike other officials who spoke before him, did not acknowledge his presence. Last week, Obama summoned Shinseki to the Oval Office and threatened to punish anyone found guilty of wrongdoing.

The president, however, did not say more Monday about the scandal, in which the hospitals have been accused of doctoring patient records to dis-

guise long waiting times for treatment. Obama has dispatched his deputy chief of staff, Rob Nabors, to the agency to investigate.

Having just returned from a 33-hour trip to Afghanistan - one that included a pep rally with U.S. troops at Bagram Air Base - but no meeting with President Hamid Karzai - the president celebrated the end of the 13-year war there.

"Because of their profound sacrifice and because of the progress they have

made, we're at a pivotal moment: our troops are coming home," Obama said, drawing the biggest applause of his speech. "By the end of this year, our war in Afghanistan will finally come to an end."

On Wednesday, the president will deliver the commencement address at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Officials said he would lay out a detailed blueprint for U.S. foreign policy in the post-Iraq, post-Afghanistan era. □



# Pope Francis wraps up delicate Mideast pilgrimage

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Pope Francis wrapped up his Mideast pilgrimage Monday with a balancing act of symbolic and sometimes spontaneous gestures to press his call for peace between Israel and the Palestinians and friendship between Jews and Muslims in the land of Jesus' birth. A day after he boosted Palestinian aspirations by praying at Israel's security barrier surrounding Bethle-

heart of decades of Israel-Arab tensions. After visiting the golden-topped Dome of the Rock shrine on the compound on Monday morning, Francis prayed at the nearby Western Wall, leaving a hand-written note with the "Our Father" prayer written in his native Spanish in between the cracks of stone. When he finished, a visibly emotional Francis embraced Rabbi Abraham

to the Israeli and Palestinian presidents to come to the Vatican next month to pray for peace. The invitation was a dramatic — but very Franciscan — initiative that confirmed that the pope who named himself after the peace-loving St. Francis of Assisi feels free and even obliged to pursue any initiative that might benefit peace. Francis made a similar foray into world diplomacy last

office. "The humility in your nature and the power in your spirit raised a spiritual elation and a thirst for peace," Peres told him at a ceremony in the garden of the presidential residence. The prospects of a breakthrough at the Vatican meeting next month are slim. Peres, a 90-year-old Nobel peace laureate, holds a largely ceremonial office and is set to step

In his talks with Francis, Netanyahu lauded Israel's treatment of Christians and defended its West Bank separation barrier. Israel says the structure is a security measure. The Palestinians say it has gobbled up their land and stifled their economy. "When incitement and terror against Israel stops, there won't be the need for the security fence which has saved thousands of lives," Netanyahu said.

The conversation turned awkward after Netanyahu told the pope that Jesus spoke Hebrew.

"He was speaking Aramaic," the pope replied with a smile. "He spoke Aramaic, and he also knew Hebrew," Netanyahu said.

After Francis made an unscheduled stop at the massive concrete barrier on Sunday, Netanyahu asked Francis to deviate from his whirlwind itinerary to pray at Jerusalem's Victims of Acts of Terror Memorial, which includes the names of hundreds of civilians killed in Palestinian and Arab attacks since 1851, Lombardi and Netanyahu's office said.

As he did at the separation barrier and the Western Wall, Francis bowed his head in prayer and placed his hand on the stone. Lombardi said he then delivered a sweeping denunciation of terrorism in all its forms.

At Yad Vashem, the pope prayed before a crypt with ashes of Holocaust victims and laid a wreath of yellow and white flowers in the "Hall of Remembrance."

Upon his arrival in Israel after visiting the West Bank, Francis clearly condemned the slaughter of 6 million Jews during the Holocaust, making up for what many Jews felt was a tepid speech from the German Pope Benedict XVI during his 2009 visit to Yad Vashem. On Monday, his actions almost spoke louder than his words. In one of the most poignant moments of the trip, Francis kissed the hands of six Holocaust survivors as he heard their stories. □



**Pope Francis stands with his hand on the ancient stones of the Western Wall, before placing a note between them, in Jerusalem, May 26, 2014. Pope Francis wrapped up his Mideast pilgrimage Monday with a balancing act of symbolic and sometimes spontaneous gestures to press his call for peace between Israel and the Palestinians and friendship between Jews and Muslims in the land of Jesus' birth.**

(Rina Castelnovo/The New York Times)

hem, Francis honored Holocaust victims by kissing the hands of several survivors, and accepted Israel's last-minute request to pray at a memorial to victims of suicide bombings and other attacks.

But the image that the Vatican hopes will define the trip, and perhaps Francis' young papacy, was another: that of the leader of the 1.2 billion strong Roman Catholic Church embracing his Argentine friends, a rabbi and a Muslim, in front of the Western Wall, adjacent to the disputed hilltop compound that lies at the

Skorka and Omar Abboud, a leader of Argentina's Muslim community, both of whom joined Francis on his official delegation in a potent symbol of interfaith friendship.

"I think this was the real answer to such problems that come from very long and profound difficulties," the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said of the embrace. "What can we do? We can pray. We can ask God to help us. We can love mutually and then embrace."

That logic lies at the heart of Francis' surprise invitation

year when he rallied millions of people to fast and pray for a peaceful resolution to threatened U.S.-led military strikes on Syria. More recently, the Vatican has intervened directly in Venezuela's unrest by participating in talks between the government and the opposition.

In the case of the Vatican prayer meeting, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres readily accepted the invitation, and Peres and Francis discussed the encounter during a lengthy meeting at the president's

down this summer. But the pope's gesture seemed to send a powerful message to the region's leaders not to give up, weeks after the latest round of peace talks collapsed.

The atmosphere was starkly different in Francis' one-on-one with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has expressed anger with politicians who have reached out to Abbas at a time when the Palestinian leader is reconciling with the Islamic militant group Hamas. Israel considers Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, a terrorist group.



# Ukraine launches airstrike on pro-Moscow rebels

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**Associated Press**

**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** — Ukraine's president-elect said Monday he wants to begin talks with Moscow and end a pro-Russia insurgency in the east, but the rebels escalated the conflict by occupying a major airport, and the gov-

ernment in Kiev responded with an airstrike. As darkness fell in Donetsk, a city of about 1 million in eastern Ukraine, it was unclear who was in control of the airport. Hundreds of fighters of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic had been brought by trucks to a wooded area on the fringes of the airport, many of them armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers and automatic rifles. At least one warplane

Early Tuesday, the DPR said on its Twitter account that a truck carrying wounded from the airport area came under fire and that the driver was killed. The rebels, who declared independence for Donetsk and the neighboring Luhansk region after a hastily called and dubious referendum two weeks ago,

In a victory speech, the billionaire promised to open a dialogue with residents of eastern Ukraine and to guarantee their rights. The rebels and many others in the region say they fear the February ouster of pro-Moscow President Viktor Yanukovich will lead to the repression of its predominantly Russian-speak-

armed insurgents that he calls terrorists.

"Peace can only be achieved through a dialogue with people," he said Monday. "This process cannot be stopped with the use of arms only; arms can be used exclusively against killers and terrorists."

Russia has heavily criticized an offensive by Ukraine's military against the rebels, and Poroshenko indicated he wants it to end quickly. "The anti-terrorist operation cannot and should not last two or three months," he said. "It should and will last hours."

But aggression by rebels, as at the Donetsk airport, could make it impossible for Ukrainian forces to back off.

News reports said scores of armed insurgents descended on the airport about 3 a.m., and all flights were canceled. Heavy gunfire broke out, Ukrainian fighter jets and helicopters flew overhead, and dense black smoke rose in the air. Vladislav Seleznyov, a spokesman for the Ukrainian operation, wrote on his Facebook account that the military had given an ultimatum to the gunmen occupying the airport to disarm. They didn't comply, he said, and the military launched an airstrike. Denis Pushilin, a leader of the separatists, said they sent their men to the airport after some of their supporters were detained, but news reports cited the airport's press service as saying the insurgents were demanding Ukrainian forces be withdrawn from around the facility.

Donetsk news outlets, citing an unidentified health official, reported that two people were injured and one person killed by gunfire at the city's main train station. In Sloviansk, a city about 100 kilometers (60 miles) to the north that has seen sustained clashes, an Associated Press reporter saw the bodies of an elderly woman and a young man following mortar fire from a government position. □



**Pro-Russian militia men take their positions during fighting around the airport, outside Donetsk, Ukraine, on Monday, May 26, 2014. Ukraine's military launched air strikes Monday against separatists who had taken over the airport in the eastern capital of Donetsk in what appeared to be the most visible operation of the Ukrainian troops since they started a crackdown on insurgents last month. (AP Photo/Vadim Girda)**

ernment in Kiev responded with an airstrike. As darkness fell in Donetsk, a city of about 1 million in

streaked over the city, firing flares, and explosions were heard from the direction of the airport.

regarded Sunday's election of candy tycoon Petro Poroshenko as president to be illegitimate.

ing population by Ukrainian nationalists. Poroshenko also said he would not negotiate with

## Venezuela announces debt deal with airlines

**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's cash-

strapped government has agreed to pay part of \$4 billion owed to foreign airlines and may soon allow them to aggressively raise airfares as it works to head off more carriers from leaving the country.

Finance Minister Rodolfo Marco Torres announced a deal Monday to allow six Latin American airlines including Colombia's Avianca and AeroMexico to repatriate revenue from local sales in 2012 and 2013. The debt deal was reached

in a closed-door meeting with representatives of the airline industry.

Alitalia of Italy and Panama's Copa this month became the latest airlines to cut flights to Venezuela, citing the debt impasse. The deal announced Monday came just a few days after President Nicolas Maduro denied that airlines are leaving over debts, arguing that some are temporarily rerouting planes to meet surging demand to travel to Brazil for next month's World Cup.

Airline representatives reported that Venezuela's

government also said airfares starting in July will be based on the country's weaker Sicad II exchange rate of about 50 bolivars per dollar compared with the official rate of 6.3 to the dollar.

The government did not comment on that possible change. But economists said such a move would be tantamount to a stealth devaluation that would effectively sanction a multifold-increase in airfares prices in bolivars.

The government earlier this year unveiled the Sicad II exchange mechanism to

meet pent-up demand for dollars after more than a decade of rigid exchange controls that force companies to turn to the illegal black market, where the bolivar is even weaker, to obtain hard currency. Air Canada and TAP of Portugal are among other airlines that have reduced flights to Venezuela in recent months, citing the repatriation problems spurred by a shortage of U.S. dollars. Several U.S. carriers have restricted ticket sales, making it difficult to find seats on remaining flights out of the country. □



## On Memorial Day, New York Mayor pays tribute to veterans

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**NEW YORK** - In a day of honoring the fallen, Mayor Bill de Blasio focused on service members and veterans, noting in two emotional speeches that through their stories and tributes they kept alive the memories of those who died at war.

At different Memorial Day events, first at a monument on the Upper West Side and later by an aircraft carrier moored on the Hudson River, he drew on memories of his own father, a World War II veteran who lost part of his leg in combat.

"Every time I heard a story of someone who didn't come back it was obviously an act of keeping that person's memory alive, of

respecting all they had done for their country," de Blasio said Monday, standing on a pier alongside the USS Intrepid.

Earlier, he laid a wreath at a ceremony at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, where Navy Secretary Ray Mabus also spoke.

The mayor thanked veterans for their service - and for bringing back stories about "the people, the individuals, the buddies" who did not return from the battlefield. He also vowed to eliminate homelessness among New York City's veterans, drawing applause from the crowd.

At the Intrepid, the mayor was joined by hundreds, including veterans and service members whose dress spoke of different wars,



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York, May 26, 2014.

(Yana Paskova/The New York Times)

and different times, in the nation's history.

At one point during the ceremony, a 100-foot American flag was unfurled and

they were asked to gather around to salute those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Those who stepped up included women wearing the combat uniforms used by today's Army, Vietnam

War veterans in olive green fatigues and Hawaiian shirts, veterans of the Korean War in felt caps from their local VFW halls, and World War II veterans in blazers twinkling with medals, stooped over canes. □

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## White House mistakenly reveals CIA official's name

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AP Intelligence Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration accidentally revealed the name of the CIA's top official in Afghanistan in an email to thousands of journalists during the president's surprise weekend trip to Bagram Air Field.

The officer's name — identified as "chief of station" in Kabul — was included by U.S. embassy staff on a list of 15 senior American officials who met with President Obama during the Saturday visit.

The list was sent to a Washington Post reporter who was representing the news media, who then sent it out to the White House "press pool" list, which contains as many as 6,000 recipients.

The Associated Press is withholding the officer's name at the request of the Obama administration, who said its publication could put his life and those of his family members in danger.

A Google search appears to reveal the name of the

officer's wife and other personal details.

White House officials realized the error after the Post reporter notified them, and sent out a new list without the station chief's name. Other major news organizations, including the Post, also agreed not to publish the officer's name.

The reporter who distributes the pool report sends it to the White House to be checked for factual accuracy and then forwarded to the thousands of journalists on the email distribution list, so in this case the White House failed on at least two occasions to recognize that the CIA official's name was being revealed and circulated so broadly. The intentional disclosure of the name of a "covered" operative is a crime under the U.S. Intelligence Identities Protection Act. A former CIA officer, John Kiriakou, was sentenced to 30 months in prison in January after pleading guilty to disclosing to a reporter the name of an undercover agency officer. □





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## Veterans groups lash out at GOP senator on letter

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**WASHINGTON** - An "open letter" from a senior Republican senator to the nation's veterans in which he castigates the leadership of veterans organizations has prompted a brutal war of words over the Memorial Day weekend, including a promise from the Veterans of Foreign Wars that its "hat in hand" approach to Congress will turn more combative.

The burgeoning controversy over delayed access to care at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals has always contained risks for Republicans pushing the issue. The logical conclusions of the push would be either a politically difficult effort to privatize veterans' health care or to supply substantially more money to a system burdened by veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, an option veterans groups have demanded but Republican leaders have resisted. The open letter from Sen. Richard M. Burr of North Carolina, the ranking Republican on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee - and the groups' responses - pushed that conflict into the open. Burr, angry that only the American Legion has called for the resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, accused the groups of being "more interested in defending the status quo within the VA, protecting their relationships with the agency, and securing access to the secretary and his inner circle," than helping members.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Paralyzed Veterans of America hit back hard. □

## In courtrooms, a crusade to give the flag its due

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**NEW YORK** - For more than 20 years, news organizations in New York City have relied on the chalk-smudged hands of Shirley Shepard and her daughter, Andrea, to draw high-profile courtroom scenes where cameras are forbidden.

The Shepards have become courtroom fixtures,

displayed. "It's the symbol of the American justice system, so to treat it lightly is disrespectful," said Shirley Shepard, complaining that courtrooms throughout the city have been doing just that for years. "Walk into any courthouse in the city; you'll hardly ever see the flag displayed properly or at least with any consistency." They complain about the lack of respect for the

"When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or

napolis, referring to Part K. "It offers enough guidance that we can use common sense and apply that to courtrooms, just as we'd apply it to a church."

Marc Leepson, author of "Flag, an American Biography" (2006), said the precise situations and locations that fall under the scope of the display regulations were often a source of lively debate, at least among people who care about such matters.

But when it comes to courtroom settings, Leepson said, "Since it has a governmental function, you'd expect whoever is in charge of the flags, that they'd consult the flag code."

Contacted about the Shepards' complaints, David Bookstaver, a spokesman for the state's Office of Court Administration, which runs the criminal and civil courts, acknowledged that they were right and that any courtroom flags displayed contrary to code stipulations would be fixed. Some flags may have been moved by cleaning and maintenance staff members, he said, adding, "We do not have flag enforcement personnel."

"We do our best to comply" with the flag code, he said. "When it is brought to our attention that a flag is not displayed properly, we address it."

Regarding flag placement in the federal courthouse in Brooklyn, Eugene Corcoran, the court executive for the Eastern District of New York, said, "If mistakes were made in the installation of flags in some of the courtrooms, they will be corrected."

On a recent weekday, the Shepards walked the halls of the Brooklyn federal courthouse, stepping inside or peering into more than a dozen courtrooms. □



**Shirley Shepard, right, and her daughter, Andrea, with a sketch of Mostafa Kamel Mostafa, convicted of terrorism, with a correctly-placed flag in New York. Shepard and her daughter, both courtroom artists, have complained for years that the American flag is often improperly displayed.**  
(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

capturing the likenesses of such prominent defendants as Martha Stewart and Mike Tyson.

But there is one thing that the mother-daughter artist team is at least as passionate about - the American flag and how it is displayed in courtrooms. The flag is always a dominant element in their sketches, reflecting both the Shepards' respect for courtroom rules and their patriotism. So it galls them to see how flags are often placed in haphazard fashion and contrary, they say, to government regulations regarding how they should be properly

flag with the many celebrities, judges and influential lawyers who have graced their work. But their complaints have largely gone ignored or dismissed by courthouse regulars, who often regard them as irritating.

It turns out, however, that the Shepards may have a legitimate case.

A section of federal law known as the flag code - Chapter 1, Title 4, Section 7 - specifies the rules for the proper display of the U.S. flag.

Part K applies to the indoor display of the flag at gatherings:

speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience." While the flag code does not explicitly cite courtrooms, flag experts argued that the regulations were meant to apply to official and governmental gatherings, including courtrooms that fall under federal, state or other jurisdictions. "That is the guide we use" for indoor flag display, said Mike Buss, the director of flag education at the American Legion's national headquarters in India-



## Buffett's sister works personally to help

**JOSH FUNK**

**Associated Press**

**OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)** — When Warren Buffett announced in 2006 that he would give away his billions, he was flooded with individual requests for help that still flow in today. Instead of tossing the letters aside, Buffett packages them up and sends them to his older sister Doris. With the help of seven women, her Sunshine Lady Foundation scrutinizes each request to find people who have come upon

his letters and promised more money if she needed it. The siblings didn't want to say exactly how much Doris has given to the letter writers so far. Many of the requests are simple: A man who needed a new glass eye. The grandmother who wanted a tombstone for the three children she lost. A disabled woman who needed a car to visit her daughter and grandchildren. "These are decent people who just didn't have the breaks somebody else

ness to provide so many small gifts sets her apart. "She cares about people, not about the prestige or the perception of her as a philanthropist," Riccio said. Doris Buffett focuses her foundation's main giving on the communities where she lives: Fredericksburg, Virginia; Wilmington and Beaufort, North Carolina, and Rockport, Maine. But she doesn't confine her gifts to those places. Steven Lewicki spent 15 years in prison for a string of bank robberies, but dur-



This photo shows Doris Buffett, right, with her brother, billionaire Warren Buffett. After Warren Buffett received scores of individual requests for help when he announced that he would gradually give away his fortune, he turned to his big sister Doris Buffett and her Sunshine Lady Foundation to review the requests and to find people struggling through no fault of their own.

(AP Photo/The Sunshine Lady Foundation)

bad luck through no fault of their own.

"She just believes that a lot of people got short straws in life, and she wants to help them," Warren Buffett said.

It's rare for philanthropists to respond to individual requests, said Northeastern University professor Rebecca Riccio, who teaches philanthropy and interviewed the siblings last year. Buffett, 83, and his 86-year-old sister worked out the unusual arrangement because neither wanted to disregard the requests, but Buffett also wanted to focus on running Berkshire Hathaway. "I think Warren and Doris do not have it in them to ignore those letters," Riccio said.

Warren Buffett sent his sister \$5 million initially to cover the cost of responding to

did," Doris Buffett said. She said her drive to help people developed during the Great Depression, when she saw people struggling with such basic needs as hunger and shelter. That desire grew as she faced her own disappointments, including four divorces and the loss of a \$12 million fortune in the stock market crash of 1987. Doris Buffett started the Sunshine Lady Foundation in 1996 after inheriting money. Through it, she has also given away \$150 million of her own money, focusing primarily on larger programs such as scholarships for domestic violence victims, college education for prison inmates and efforts to help people with mental illnesses.

Riccio says Doris Buffett's personal connections to recipients and her willing-

ing that time earned his associate's degree thanks to a college program inside Maine State Prison funded by Doris Buffett's foundation.

When he was freed, Lewicki finished his bachelor's degree at the University of Maine at Augusta and got a job with a group that advocates for prisoners.

"I feel an obligation to Doris," Lewicki said. "I feel an obligation to honor her philanthropy and her integrity and her guidance and all of that."

Doris Buffett's main goal is to provide one-time aid and, whenever possible, connect people with other forms of help. But she knows there are limits to what she can do.

"I can't change somebody's life, but I can make it possible for them to do so," she said. □



Allyson Trenteseaux, a Walking School Bus program manager, second from left, escorts eight-year-old Divya Dahal, left, and 10-year-old Ferlando Louis, front right, as the children are walked home from school, in Providence, R.I.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

## US children embracing the walking school bus

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**Associated Press**

**PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island**

**(AP)** — Growing numbers of children across the U.S. are climbing aboard the walking school bus. It starts with an adult volunteer, who goes house to house picking up children. The group then walks to school together — and back home in the afternoons. Walking school buses are catching on in school districts from California to Massachusetts because they are seen as a way to fight childhood obesity, improve attendance rates and ensure that kids get to school safely.

Children like them because they are fun.

A group of school children held hands as they walked home one afternoon in Providence, capital of eastern Rhode Island state. When they reached a busy intersection, an adult accompanying them prodded, "What's the rule?" "Behind the line!" they said in unison, as they stepped back from the edge of the curb and waited for the walk signal.

Shortly after, the group stopped in front of 8-year-old Jaiden Guzman's house. He said goodbye to his friends and raced to his front door. His mother waved and the rest of the walking school bus continued on its way.

In 2012, about 30 percent of students living within a mile (less than 2 kilometers) of school walked there in the morning and

35 percent walked home in the afternoon, according to the National Center for Safe Routes to School. Those numbers have increased by about 6 percentage points since 2007. Organizers in Providence are also motivated by high rates of chronic absenteeism. Thirty-seven percent of Providence students missed 10 percent or more of the 2010-11 school year. The nonprofit agency Family Service of Rhode Island targeted Mary E. Fogarty Elementary School for its first walking school bus in 2012 because it's located in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. Children who live within a mile of school don't qualify for the bus.

On the route in Providence, the program's manager, Allyson Trenteseaux, and another volunteer recently led Jaiden and seven other children through busy intersections and around broken glass littering the sidewalks. On the walks, Trenteseaux said, she mends relationships among the kids, builds relationships and intervenes when there are problems. During the winter, a walk leader noticed some of the children were wearing slippers and bought them all boots.

Last year, 11 of the 14 students who participated and completed a survey attended school more often. The program now has a waiting list, and Family Service plans to expand into more schools next year. □



## US Financial Front:

# Hacking case belies profitable US links with China

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

China may be trying to steal trade secrets from U.S. businesses, as federal prosecutors allege. Yet for many U.S. companies, China's vast market remains an irresistible source of business.

The Justice Department's indictment last week of five Chinese military officials accused them of trying to pilfer confidential information from American companies. But even some of the alleged U.S. corporate victims of the hackers have little incentive to cheer any trade rupture with China.

One, Westinghouse, is building four nuclear reactors in China.

Another, specialty steelmaker Allegheny Technologies, operates a joint venture in Shanghai.

A third, Alcoa, is the biggest foreign investor in China's aluminum market. Indeed, Alcoa went so far as to downplay Justice's charges: "No material information was compromised during this incident which occurred several years ago," the company said.

American companies are in a delicate position. They

want to maintain good relations with China, the world's second-biggest economy and a market where U.S. firms' earnings grew nearly 50 percent last year. But they're also increasingly fearful of

said Jamian Ronca Spadavecchia, founder of the Oxbow Advisory, which advises companies about risks in China and other emerging markets. "It's bringing into the open some of the issues U.S.

increasingly irritated by China's attempts to censor the Internet, according to a survey by the American Chamber of Commerce in China.

The confrontation over hacking — China rejects

that China is becoming less hospitable to foreign companies. They cite policies that give Chinese firms an edge over foreign competitors, cumbersome licensing requirements and endless struggles to protect their intellectual property — from software to music to clothing design — from theft. For all the complaints and tensions, U.S.-China business ties are tight and getting tighter.

Last week, even as the hacking controversy raged, former U.S. ambassadors to Beijing rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange to mark the 35th anniversary of U.S.-China diplomatic relations. After all, 77 Chinese company stocks now trade on the NYSE. Another big one — e-commerce giant Alibaba — plans to list its stock in the United States, either on the NYSE or NASDAQ.

Trade in goods between the U.S. and China last year hit a record \$562 billion. American companies earned nearly \$10 billion last year in China, another record. American direct investment in China exceeds \$50 billion.

General Motors sells more cars in China than in the United States. General Electric sells China clean power plants that run on methane. Wal-Mart has 390 stores across China. Starbucks runs hundreds of cafes in China. □



**Stephen Tritch, then president and chief executive of Westinghouse, left, shakes hands with Wang Binghua, chairman of the State Nuclear Power Technology Corp. of China (SNPTC), during a signing ceremony to build nuclear power plants in China, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The Justice Department's indictment last week of five Chinese military officials charged them with trying to pilfer confidential information from American companies. But even some of the alleged U.S. corporate victims of the hackers have little incentive to cheer any trade rupture with China.**

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan, Pool)

Chinese hackers stealing their trade secrets.

Looked that way, the hacking case is "going to be positive in opening up the conversation,"

companies are facing."

A U.S.-China Business Council survey has found that cybersecurity is a growing threat for U.S. companies in China: It jumped from No. 14 last year from No. 23 in 2012 on a list of gripes about the Chinese market. American companies are also

the charges as based on "fabricated facts" — highlights the often-awkward relationship between China and the United States. They're frenemies in a globalized world — rivals and partners in both politics and economics.

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## String of US legal wins bolsters same-sex marriage

**MARK SHERMAN**  
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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — One after another, U.S. judges are declaring it's too late to turn back on the topic of same-sex marriage.

proval that it will be hard for the Supreme Court to rule against it. The court rulings and the measured response of even elected officials who oppose same-sex marriage may be especially important for the high

trouble extending the high court's ruling to prohibit states from discriminating against same-sex couples who want to wed. "Judges can read the tea leaves," UCLA law professor Adam Winkler said. "They

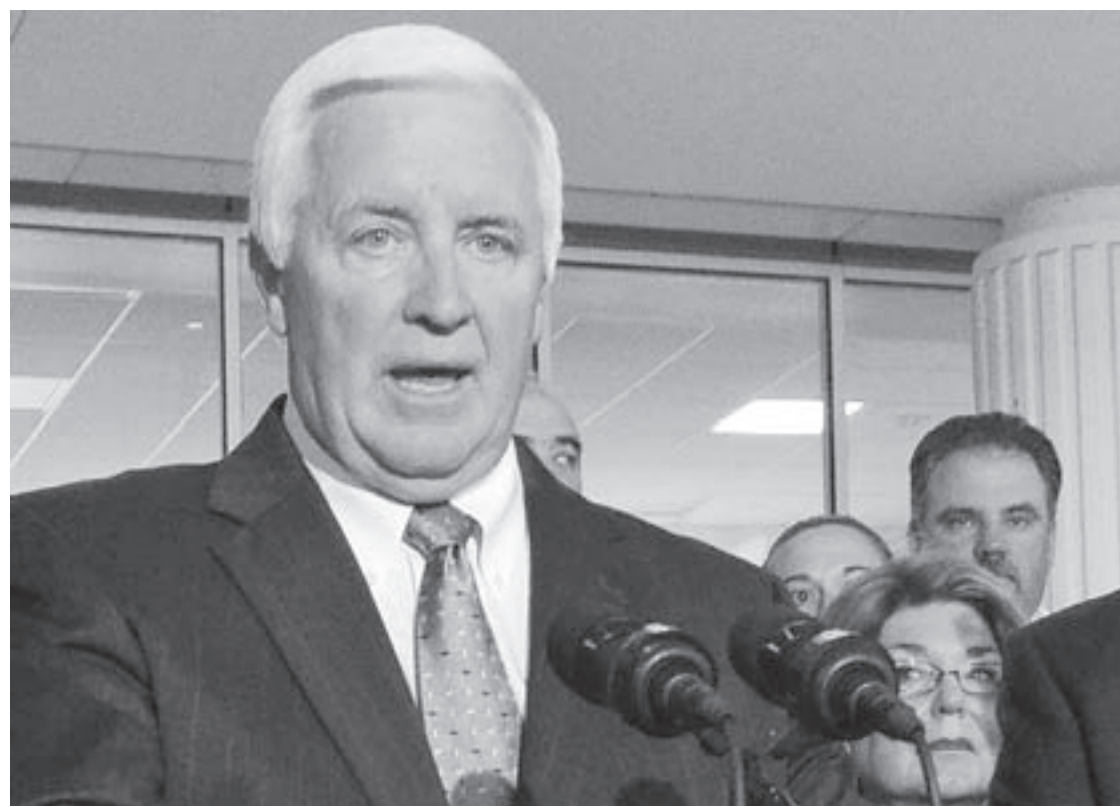
the Supreme Court needs to do the tipping," said Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry, a national coalition of advocacy groups working for same-gender marriage. The latest ruling to strike down a gay marriage ban came in Pennsylvania. It was followed quickly by word from Republican Gov. Tom Corbett that he would not appeal and instead let the decision take effect. Corbett, who opposes gay and lesbian marriage, is facing a tough campaign for re-election this year. Gay marriage opponents say they expect more of a mixed record in the courts by the time the Supreme Court gets involved, and they take issue with the notion that U.S. public opinion has shifted as dramatically as many polls show. In some respects, the series of rulings is just the latest manifestation of the extraordinary change in attitudes about same-sex marriage.

In 1972, it took the Supreme Court one sentence to dispose of an appeal asserting a same-sex couple's constitutional right to marry. In 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Court declared the state's marriage ban unconstitutional. In 2011, President Barack Obama decided that his administration no longer would enforce the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defines matrimony as between a man and a woman. That year, there were five states that allowed same-sex couples to wed. By late June, the number had jumped to 13, after the Su-

preme Court paved the way for gay and lesbian couples in California to get married.

Gay rights advocates argue that the mushrooming list of rulings has created such an air of inevitability that, were the Supreme Court to reverse them, "a majority of the country would find that shocking," said Mary Bonauto, the director of the Civil Rights Project at Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. On the other side of the issue, Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, said, "You have almost every avenue of elite power saying it's inevitable, might as well give up the fight. Why would you not expect some shift? What I'm surprised by is, given the massive amount of capital and power that's been exerted on this issue, a majority of Americans still support traditional marriage."

Brown pointed to a recent Politico poll of likely voters in hotly contested congressional and Senate races, which are taking place mainly in more conservative states. That survey found 52 percent of respondents opposed to same-sex marriage. The latest Gallup poll says that nationwide, 55 percent of Americans support it. Ryan Anderson, a Heritage Foundation fellow and co-author of a book defending the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman, said Supreme Court justices ultimately will have to wrestle with whether they want to impose same-sex marriage throughout the country. □



**Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett speaks during a news conference in Harrisburg, Pa. Corbett publicly opposes the legalization of same-sex marriage. One after another and in sometimes evocative language, judges appointed by Republican and Democratic presidents are declaring it's too late to turn back on the topic of same-sex marriage. The latest ruling, in Pennsylvania, was followed quickly by word from Republican Gov. Tom Corbett that he would not appeal and instead let the decision take effect. Corbett, who opposes gay and lesbian marriage, is facing a tough campaign for re-election this year.**

(AP Photo/Marc Levy)

An unbroken string of state and federal court rulings in support of gay and lesbian unions covers every region of the country, including the conservative South. So far, there are 26 states where same-sex couples can get married or a judge has ruled they ought to be allowed. Gay marriage may be at a legal tipping point, where the cause has won such wide-ranging ap-

court justices who have worried about acting too quickly to impose the legality of same-sex marriage nationwide. All the rulings came after the Supreme Court decision last June that struck down part of a federal anti-gay marriage law but did not apply to bans that were then in place in roughly three dozen states. Judges in lower courts, though, have had no

know where the Supreme Court is going. They know where society is going. Do they want their grandkids knowing they wrote an opinion stopping gay marriage?" The Supreme Court is widely expected eventually to jump back into the issue, though it is not known when. Appeals could start arriving at the court by late summer or early fall. "The country is ready, but





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## Anti-bailout party demands early vote for Greece

Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — A Greek anti-bailout party on Monday formally requested an early general election after getting the most votes for European Parliament seats in balloting that also saw the extreme right Golden Dawn party come in third place.

Final results announced late Monday showed the left-wing Syriza party winning with 26.6 percent of the vote. It was followed by the main party in the government coalition, the center-right New Democracy, with 22.71 percent. Golden Dawn got 9.38 percent. "There is a very large discrepancy between the people's will and the current makeup of parliament," Alexis Tsipras, the 39-year-old Syriza leader, said after visiting Greece's president to make the special election request.

"It is clear that that there is no legitimacy to proceed with critical decisions that will bind the people and the country for years," Tsipras said. Tsipras has vowed to cancel bailout agreements that rescued Greece from bankruptcy but also imposed harsh austerity measures and spending cuts that produced a huge rise in poverty and unemployment. Midway through its four-year term, the government ruled out calling an early election shortly after polls closed over the weekend. Golden Dawn spokesman Ilias Kasidiaris late Monday described the election result as a "shock to the corrupt system" as his political group with Neo-Nazi origins overtook established parties, including the Socialists who placed fourth with 8.02 percent. □

## Established parties rocked by anti-Europe vote

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LONDON — Members of the European political elite expressed alarm Monday over the strong showing in European Parliament elections by nationalist and anti-immigrant parties skeptical about European integration, a development described by the French prime minister as an "earthquake."

In France, Britain and elsewhere, anti-immigrant parties opposed to the influence of the European Union emerged in the lead. In France, the National Front won 26 percent of the vote to defeat both the governing Socialists and the Union for a Popular Movement, the center-right party of former President Nicolas Sarkozy.

In Britain, the triumph of the U.K. Independence Party, or UKIP, which won 28 percent of the vote, represented the first time since 1910 that a nationwide vote had not been won by either the Conservatives or Labour.

"The people's army of UKIP have spoken tonight and delivered just about the most extraordinary result that has been seen in British politics for 100 years," said Nigel Farage, UKIP's leader.

Official results released overnight showed that populist parties strongly opposed to the European Union also trounced establishment forces in Denmark and Greece and did well in Austria and Sweden. The results, a stark challenge to champions of greater European integration, left mainstream political leaders stunned.

The radical left-wing Syriza coalition in Greece beat

the party of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, while Golden Dawn, a neo-Nazi outfit that the Greek authorities have tried in vain to outlaw, also picked up seats, bringing Holocaust-

ing Popular Party.

The Socialists apparently lost votes to other left-leaning parties, as well as to new groups led by Podemos, or We Can, a movement that was formed

President François Hollande of France called an emergency meeting of senior ministers after his Socialist Party finished a remote third. The rise of the right had been widely fore-



**Nigel Farage, leader of the UK Independence Party and newly elected MEP, enjoys a pint of beer in a pub before his post European Elections press conference in central London, Monday, May 26, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

deniers and belligerent xenophobes into the European Parliament.

With the political landscape redrawn across Europe, some politicians, notably Nick Clegg, the British deputy prime minister and leader of the Liberal Democrats, the junior coalition partner, faced calls from their own party members to quit. The Liberal Democrats finished fifth in Britain and lost nearly all their seats at the European Parliament. In Spain, the two main parties failed for the first time to get a combined 50 percent of the votes. Such was the upheaval that Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, the leader of the Socialist Party, announced Monday that he would step down after failing to capitalize on Spain's economic woes and record unemployment to beat the govern-

only a few months ago to oppose austerity cuts and demand fairer wage distribution.

Traditional parties sought to depict the ballot as a protest vote inspired by deep alienation among voters repelled by what they consider to be out-of-touch political elites at home and an arrogant European Union bureaucracy spreading its influence with no democratic mandate. In Paris, the victory by the National Front, led by Marine Le Pen, prompted Manuel Valls, the French prime minister, to acknowledge: "It's an earthquake." "We are in a crisis of confidence," Valls added. "Our country has for a long time been in an identity crisis, a crisis about France's place in Europe, Europe's place in our country."

cast, but it nonetheless sent shock waves. In Germany, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier expressed dismay over the French result and the fact that the extremist, anti-immigrant National Democratic Party of Germany, or NPD, which won 1 percent of the vote, had secured a seat.

"In some countries it won't be as bad as had been feared, for example in the Netherlands, but France's National Front is a severe signal, and it horrifies me that the NPD from Germany will be represented in the Parliament," Steinmeier said, according to Agence France-Presse.

In the German vote, traditional parties were clear winners, but a new Euro-skeptic party, the Alternative for Germany, also took 7 percent of the vote, news reports said. □



## Negotiator: Palestinian unity government this week

**IBRAHIM BARZAK**

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)**

— A negotiator said Monday he expects a Palestinian unity government to be announced later this week in what would be a first significant step toward ending the crippling rift between Hamas and Fatah.

The longstanding conflict between the rival factions peaked in 2007, when Hamas drove the Fatah movement of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas out of the Gaza Strip, leaving his forces confined to the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Since then, both sides have run rival governments in their respective territories on opposite ends of Israel. Abbas seeks both the West Bank and Gaza as parts of a future Palestinian state, and the internal rift is a major impediment to any potential peace deal.

Azzam al-Ahmed, a Fatah negotiator, traveled to Gaza on Monday for what he said would be a final round of talks with Hamas leaders about the Cabinet

lineup. A temporary government of technocrats is to prepare for general elections in 2015.

"The declaration of the new government is Thursday," al-Ahmed told re-

ment. Abbas had previously agreed to take on the job of prime minister in addition to his position as president, but now seems reluctant to assume additional responsibility.



**In this photo, Palestinian Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal, left, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are seen together during their meeting in Cairo, Egypt. A negotiator said Monday, May 26, 2014, that he expects a Palestinian unity government to be announced later this week in what would be a first significant step toward ending the crippling rift between Hamas and Fatah. (AP Photo/Office of Khaled Meshaal)**

porters.

He said Rami Hamdallah, prime minister of the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority, would stay on to head the unity govern-

Ehab Ghussein, a Hamas government spokesman, said he expected the Cabinet lineup to be announced in the coming days, but did not give a

date.

Despite mutual assurances of good will, last-minute disagreements over job assignments could still cause delays. Negotiations about the Cabinet lineup began in April and were to be completed by late May. Repeated reconciliation attempts have failed, but the rivals appear more flexible this time because both are struggling with crises. Hamas faces severe money problems and has been unable to cover the government payroll because of a tightening border blockade of Gaza by neighboring Egypt over the past year. Israel continues to enforce its border blockade of Gaza, in place since 2007.

Abbas, meanwhile, needs a new political strategy after the latest attempt to negotiate the terms of Palestinian statehood with Israel collapsed in April. Abbas is skeptical about reaching a deal with Israel's hardline prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. □

## Thai General says coup has king's backing

**THOMAS FULLER**

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**BANGKOK** - Thailand's military junta said Monday that it would stay in power "indefinitely" and that its rule had been endorsed by King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the monarch of nearly seven decades who has semidivine status in the country.

Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, who overthrew the elected government Thursday, said during a news conference that the military would create a "genuine democracy" but gave no time frame for doing so. "It will depend on the situation," he said, before hastily leaving a podium as he was questioned by reporters. Amid small but daily protests against the coup, Prayuth warned that the junta would become "more strict" if resistance continued.

An endorsement by the king, who is 86 years old and ailing, is crucial for the coup leaders. After Thailand's previous coup, in 2006, the top general was photographed prostrating himself before the king.

The king is above criticism both by tradition and law; insulting him, the queen or the crown prince is punishable by up to 15 years' imprisonment under a law that has been broadly interpreted by the authorities in recent years. The military said over the weekend that all lèse-majesté cases would now be heard in military courts.

The king has not been seen in public since Thursday's coup, and no member of the royal family has spoken publicly about the military takeover. "In order to maintain the peace and order of the nation and the reconciliation of the people, there shall be a royal command to officially endorse the appointment of General Prayuth Chan-ocha as the leader of the National Council for Peace and Order to administrate the country from here onward," the announcement said. □

## Pro-military fervor at polls as Egyptians vote

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**MAGGIE MICHAEL**

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt's presidential election on Monday turned into a nationalist celebration at many polls with voters singing and dancing for the almost certain winner — former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who last year ousted the first freely elected president.

But the first day of voting in the two-day election also illustrated the bitter divisions that have riven Egypt since the military's removal of Islamist leader Mohamed Morsi. In towns where Islamists dominate, voting was often thin or non-existent.

The 59-year-old retired Field Marshal el-Sissi is looking for more than a landslide victory from the election. He's hoping for a strong turnout to show international critics that his July 3 ouster of Morsi reflected the will of the people — and to claim

popular support as he tries to tackle Egypt's daunting economic woes.

For 10 months, el-Sissi has had the institutions of state and nearly all of Egypt's media behind him, whip-

the prime minister declared Tuesday a holiday for government employees to allow them go to the polls, in a push for greater numbers. El-Sissi's only rival in the race is left-wing politician Ham-



**Presidential hopeful Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi arrives to a polling site to cast his ballot on the first day of voting in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, May 26, 2014.**

**(AP Photo/Lobna Tarek)**

ping up a pro-military jingoism and depicting him as the sole figure who can rescue the country.

After polls closed Monday,

deen Sabahi, who finished third in the 2012 presidential vote.

To accommodate the adulation surrounding el-

Sissi, election commission spokesman Abdel-Aziz Salman said that if voters write "I love you" or draw hearts next to their choice on their ballots, it would count as a valid vote — unlike in the past when in which anything but a check would spoil the vote. At some polling stations in Cairo, lines of el-Sissi supporters waved Egyptian flags and wore clothes in the national red-white-and-black colors.

Men and women, including ones wearing the conservative Muslim veil, danced to pro-military pop songs, "Bless the Hands" and "A Good Omen," which have played constantly on the radio for months.

"He is a strict military man. He will get a grip on the country and bring security to the street," said Olfat Sayed Hasanein, a university professor who voted for el-Sissi. "We cannot afford any more failures." □



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# Nigerian defense chief says abducted girls located



Nigeria's chief of defense staff Air Marshal Alex S. Badeh, centre, speaks during a demonstration calling on the government to rescue the kidnapped girls of the government secondary school in Chibok, in Abuja, Nigeria, Monday, May 26, 2014. Scores of protesters chanting "Bring Back Our Girls" marched in the Nigerian capital Monday to protest the abductions of more than 300 schoolgirls by Boko Haram, the government's failure to rescue them and the killings of scores of teachers by Islamic extremists in recent years.

(AP Photo/Gbenga Olamikan)

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — Nigeria's military has located nearly 300 school girls abducted by Islamic extremists but fears using force to try to free them could get them killed, the country's chief of defense said Monday.

Air Marshal Alex Badeh told demonstrators supporting the much criticized military that Nigerian troops can save the girls. But he added, "we can't go and kill our girls in the name of trying to get them back."

He spoke to thousands of demonstrators who marched to Defense Ministry headquarters in Abuja, the capital. Many were brought in on buses, indicating it was an organized event.

Asked by reporters where they had found the girls, Badeh refused to elaborate.

"We want our girls back. I can tell you we can do it. Our military can do it. But

where they are held, can we go with force?" he asked the crowd.

People roared back, "No!"

"If we go with force what will happen?" he asked.

"They will die," the demonstrators responded.

That appeared to leave negotiation the sole option, but a human rights activist close to negotiators said a deal to swap the girls for detained Boko Haram members was agreed last week and then scuttled at the last minute by President Goodluck Jonathan.

The activist who is close to those mediating between Boko Haram extremists and government officials said the girls would have been freed last week Monday.

Jonathan had already told British officials that he would not consider an exchange. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Nigeria's military and government have faced national and international

outrage over their failure to rescue the girls seized by Boko Haram militants from a remote northeastern school six weeks ago.

President Jonathan was forced this month to accept international help. American planes have been searching for the girls and Britain, France, Israel and other countries have sent experts in surveillance and hostage negotiation.

The U.S. State Department had no immediate comment on the reports about the missing Nigerian girls.

Jonathan's reluctance to accept offered help for weeks is seen as unwillingness to have outsiders looking in on what is considered a very corrupt force.

Soldiers have told The Associated Press that they

are not properly paid, are dumped in dangerous bush with no supplies and that the Boko Haram extremists holding the girls are better equipped than they are.

Some soldiers have said officers enriching themselves off the defense budget have no interest in halting the five-year-old uprising that has killed thousands.

Soldiers near mutiny earlier this month fired on the car of a commanding officer come to pay his respects to the bodies of 12 soldiers who their colleagues said were unnecessarily killed by the insurgents in a night-time ambush.

The military also is accused of killing thousands of detainees held illegally in their barracks. □



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## As Pakistani leader looks on: Modi becomes India's Prime Minister

**NIRMALA GEORGE**

**Associated Press**

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — Narendra Modi took the oath of office as India's new prime minister at the sprawling presidential palace on Monday, a moment made more historic by the presence of the leader of archrival Pakistan. Modi's inauguration is the first to which India invited leaders from across South Asia. Heads of government from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives, Nepal

nuclear-armed neighbors. Pakistan and India have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947.

Modi and Sharif are to hold formal talks on Tuesday. Sharif called his visit "a chance to reach out to each other" and "a great opportunity," in an interview with NDTV news channel. "Both governments have a strong mandate. This could help in turning a new page in our relations," he added. Modi and his

ment became paralyzed by corruption scandals, internal feuding and an inability to deal with the stumbling economy and deep-rooted problems with poverty, infrastructure and education.

In an early indication that he plans to streamline the government, Modi's office said several ministries, especially those dealing with infrastructure, will be combined to make them more efficient and reduce red tape. Minutes after Modi



**India's new prime minister Narendra Modi, left, shakes hands with his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif, as Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam, right, watches during Modi's inauguration in New Delhi, India, Monday, May 26, 2014. Modi took the oath of office as India's new prime minister at the sprawling presidential palace on Monday, a moment made more historic by the presence of the leader of archrival Pakistan.**

(AP Photo/Manish Swarup)

and Afghanistan attended, and Bangladesh was represented by the speaker of its Parliament.

But most eyes remained on Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, whose visit could signal a thaw in relations between the often hostile neighbors.

Indian President Pranab Mukherjee administered the oath to Modi and his Cabinet as thousands of guests, including politicians, business leaders and movie stars, watched. Outgoing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was seated next to Sharif.

Analysts said Sharif's presence signaled an easing of tensions between the

Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party won 282 seats in the 543-member lower house of Parliament, well ahead of the 272 it needed for a majority. Analysts say that gives Modi a free hand in choosing his priorities without being constrained by coalition partners. Modi promised during the campaign that his goals would be good governance, job creation and fighting corruption, a message that struck a chord with voters.

Economic growth has plummeted in the past few years as inflation has risen and exports have declined. The former Congress party-run govern-

ment was sworn in, he posted a message on his official website saying that along with the people of India and the world his government would work to "script a glorious future for India." "Let us together dream of a strong, developed and inclusive India that actively engages with the global community to strengthen the cause of world peace and development," he said. Neelam Deo, the director of Gateway House, a foreign policy think tank in Mumbai, said Sharif's presence at the inauguration "provides an opportunity to commence relations on an encouraging note." □

## Colombia's president Santos heads for runoff in 2nd place

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**CESAR GARCIA**

**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — He presides over one of Latin America's fastest-growing economies and has taken peace negotiations with Marxist rebels farther than anyone in decades.

But President Juan Manuel Santos doesn't appear to be clicking with Colombian voters, who haven't felt the benefits of the economic boom and are preoccupied with more mundane concerns than they are the still dubious prospects for an end to a half-century of guerrilla violence.

Fatigue with Santos' rule was evident Sunday as a near-record 60 percent of eligible voters stayed home. Those who did cast ballots went overwhelmingly for the president's rivals. Former finance minister Oscar Ivan Zuluaga finished atop the five-candidate field with 29 percent, setting up a June 15 runoff with Santos, who won 26 percent.

Despite the setback, Santos is showing no signs of rethinking his electoral strategy focused on an 18-month effort to end Colombia's rebel conflict.

Speaking to supporters Sunday night, he framed the contest against Zuluaga, the conservative protégé of former President Alvaro Uribe, as a battle between "hope and fear." "The choice is between those of us who want to put an end to the war and those who want a war without end," Santos, 62, told supporters in Bogota, who responded with shouts of "Peace for Colombia!" That's not a message resonating with voters, however. A recent Gallup poll showed that a peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, didn't even rank among the top five concerns of voters. Health care and jobs were the big worries in a country where an estimated half of workers are still employed in the informal economy and therefore lack government-mandated benefits.

To pick up the roughly 500,000 votes separating him from Zuluaga, the president is counting on the support of Colombia's left, about the only ones in the traditionally conservative country who have embraced his peace plan. In the final days of campaigning, Santos picked up the endorsement of Bogota Mayor Gustavo Petro, a former guerrilla. Another leftist politician, Clara Lopez, won a surprising 2 million votes in Sunday's ballot, a whisker behind the third-place finisher, Conservative Party nominee Marta Lucia Ramirez, who is expected to align with the 55-year-old Zuluaga.

But support from the left isn't automatic.

"The message for Santos is clear," said Senator Ivan Cepeda, a member of Lopez's Democratic Pole party. "If the president wants to get re-elected, he can't continue to pursue the same policies such as free trade agreements and foreign investment in mining projects that step on the rights of workers."

Even if supporters of Lopez and Green Party candidate Enrique Penalosa do begrudgingly cast ballots for Santos in the second round, that may not be enough to compensate for widespread apathy among potential supporters, which appears to be the incumbent's biggest problem. Sunday's turnout, the lowest in two decades, was especially weak in rural districts where Santos' political machine is strongest, such as the Caribbean coast. He also lost in his hometown of Bogota. Voters are also turned off by what they see as Santos' reliance on attacks and dirty tricks to discredit his rival. In the final stretch of campaigning, authorities arrested a computer expert who worked for Zuluaga for allegedly hacking into the emails of the president and FARC negotiators in Cuba. □





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**PALM BEACH** - Eleven top journalists from the US graced the island with their presence just recently including writers from magazines such as Maxim, Private Air Luxury Homes, O - Oprah's Magazine, Canadian Family, Women's Adventure, Men's Journal and Lee Abbamonte, who is the youngest American to visit every country in the world.

The group enjoyed unique activities such as working out on the beach with General Manager Mark Frances on Saturday morning, followed by a stand-up

paddleboard session and a bike ride to Arashi Beach. That same day, the resorts also hosted a luncheon party at the Sunset Grille Restaurant and a Carnival-



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# Marriott execs mix business & pleasure at Amazonia



**PALM BEACH** - A group of executives from the Marriott Surf Club recently mixed business with pleasure when it gathered over delicious food and wine at

Amazonia for an evening with the resort's Board of Directors, on the eve of the Annual Members Meeting, networking and forging professional and personal ties across the dinner table. Amazonia, now under new management is gearing up for a number of changes leading up to the great reveal of the restaurant's new bar and lounge, just ahead of the World Cup Games in Brazil. Sushi Salsa, Amazonia's famed little sister, will be relocating to the area facing the Palm Beach Road,

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Oakland Athletics' Josh Donaldson celebrates after hitting a home run off Detroit Tigers' Drew Smyly in the third inning of a baseball game Monday, May 26, 2014, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

## ALCapsules A'S hit 5 homers in 10-0 win over Tigers

**The Associated Press**  
**OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Kyle Blanks homered in his home debut at the Coliseum and Derek Norris capped Oakland's five-homer day with a grand slam as the Athletics ended a four-game losing streak by routing Detroit 10-0 Monday. Yoenis Cespedes, Brandon Moss and Josh Donaldson also homered. Tommy Milone (3-3) allowed four hits in 6 2-3 scoreless innings. He is 3-0 with a 1.03 ERA in his past four starts. The A's got four solo homers against Drew Smyly (2-3) to win the first meeting of the season against the team that eliminated them in Game 5 of the division series the past two post-seasons.

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# PITCH PERFECT

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Josh Beckett reacts after striking out Philadelphia Phillies' Chase Utley looking for a no-hitter baseball game, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Philadelphia. Los Angeles won 6-0.  
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## NBA Roundup

# Thunder beat Spurs 106-97, cut deficit to 2-1

**CLIFF BRUNT**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) --** Serge Ibaka pointed to the sky, soaking in the cheers from the adoring home crowd moments before coming out of a game that just a few days earlier, he never imagined he could play.

He scored 15 points in a dramatic return from what was thought to be a season-ending left calf strain, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 106-97 on Sunday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. Ibaka started after missing the first two games of the series. The Thunder originally said he would miss the rest of the playoffs, but changed course Friday. His presence helped the Thunder dominate and cut the Spurs' lead in the series to 2-1.

Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks took Ibaka out with 3:17 remaining and the Thunder ahead by 20. "When you talk about a teammate, that's everything you want in a teammate," Thunder forward Kevin Durant said. "I gained so much more respect for Serge for sacrificing himself for the team. Regardless of

what happened tonight, that's something you want beside you."

Ibaka made six of seven shots and was a threat that gave Durant and Russell Westbrook relief. Westbrook had 26 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Durant added 25 points and 10 rebounds.

On defense, Ibaka was a strong physical presence who blocked and altered shots and used his still formidable mobility to close out on shooters. He had seven rebounds, four blocks and a seemingly endless amount of energy.

"Serge has put so much work in throughout the season that missing a couple of days didn't hurt him," Westbrook said. "Tonight, he jumped right back into where he was."

Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tim Duncan added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs.

Game 4 is Tuesday night at Oklahoma City.

The Thunder outrebounded the Spurs 52-36 after losing the battle of the boards in the first two games. San Antonio, which shot at least 50 percent in the first two games, shot just 40 percent on Sunday night. The first two games looked like a

layup drill for the Spurs. This time, they were forced to reset numerous times. The passes were not as quick or as easy.

"I was very disappointed that we didn't come out with more of a foot in the neck sort of attitude," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

"They killed us on the boards, they beat us in 50-50 balls and that's very disappointing to me."

San Antonio won Game 2 112-77, leaving the Thunder humiliated.

"I knew that we were a better team than losing by 30," Brooks said. "It's not us. It was us that night, but we're a much better team than that. Things were different from the start with Ibaka's return. Brooks also inserted speedy Reggie Jackson into the starting lineup in Thabo Sefolosha's place. Jackson finished with 15 points.

"We bounced back tonight. We always talk about that bounce-back ability and we had that tonight," Brooks said.

The crowd roared when Ibaka's name was announced during pregame introductions, and it got even louder when he started playing.



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka, right, shoots over San Antonio Spurs center Tiago Splitter (22) in the third quarter of Game 3 of an NBA basketball playoff series in the Western Conference finals, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City won 106-97.

Associated Press

He had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks in just over six minutes of play in the first quarter.

Twice in the final minute of the first half, Ginobili hit 3-pointers, and both times, Westbrook answered with a 3-pointer. The last one, with 0.6 seconds left, gave the Thunder a 57-53 lead. Oklahoma City shot 56 percent in the first half but turned the ball over 12 times. Ginobili had 20 points and made 5 of 7 3-pointers before

the break to keep the Spurs close.

Oklahoma City extended its lead to 83-76 at the end of the third quarter. A runner by Durant, then a 3-pointer by Caron Butler pushed the Thunder lead to 90-76 with just over 10 minutes to play.

"Hopefully we realize that if we're not intense, not very sharp and don't hustle like crazy, we're not going to win here," Ginobili said. "They showed us reality. □"

## Donovan breaks MLS goal record with Nos. 135, 136



Los Angeles Galaxy forward Landon Donovan practices during a training session at StubHub Center in Carson, Calif., Saturday, May 24, 2014. Associated Press

**CARSON, California (AP) —**

Landon Donovan broke the Major League Soccer scoring record Sunday with his 135th and 136th regular-season goals in the Los Angeles Galaxy's 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Union.

Playing for the first time since being omitted from the U.S. World Cup team, Donovan surpassed the mark he shared with Jeff Cunningham in the 49th minute with his first goal in four games this season to give the Galaxy a 2-0 lead. He then added another goal in the 81st.

Robbie Keane also scored for Los Angeles, while Maurice Edu — who also missed out on World Cup selection — scored for Philadelphia. The 32-year-old American is also the U.S. scoring leader with 57 international goals. "It's been a long week," he said. "It's hard not to make it about me, and I don't necessarily want it to be that way. But I've sacrificed a lot to be in the position I'm in and I was very happy for myself because I've dedicated a lot to this. I think I deserved what happened today."

Donovan was trying to

make his fourth World Cup squad, but U.S. national coach Jurgen Klinsmann left him off the team heading to Brazil. Klinsmann had previously dropped him from the national team for the first half of 2013 after Donovan took a four-month sabbatical.

Donovan has played in 307 regular-season games in 15 MLS seasons.

The Jamaican-born Cunningham, a former U.S. national team player, played in 365 games over 14 seasons with Columbus, Colorado, Real Salt Lake, Toronto FC and FC Dallas. He last

played in MLS in 2011.

In Santa Clara, California, Khari Stephenson broke a nearly yearlong scoring drought with two goals to help the San Jose Earthquakes beat the Houston Dynamo 3-0.

Stephenson, who last scored on June 8 for Real Salt Lake, converted off an indirect free kick from deep inside Houston's penalty area in the first half, then converted from the penalty spot in the second half. Atiba Harris knocked in the rebound of his own header off the post for the clincher. □



## NL Capsules

# Beckett pitches no-hitter, Dodgers stop Phillies

**The Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Josh Beckett pitched the first no-hitter of his decorated career and the first in the majors this season, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0 on Sunday.

Beckett struck out six, walked three and didn't come close to allowing a hit against a lineup that included two former NL MVPs and four former All-Stars.

The 34-year-old right-hander, who needed surgery last year after a nerve condition left him unable to feel his fingertips, threw 128 pitches. He fanned Chase Utley on a called strike three to end the game.

Beckett (3-1) pitched the Dodgers' first no-hitter since Hideo Nomo beat Colorado at Coors Field in 1996, and the 21st in franchise history. Sandy Koufax threw four.

It was first no-hitter in the majors since Miami's Henderson Alvarez did it against Detroit on the final day of the 2013 season.

Beckett became the first visiting pitcher to throw a no-hitter in Philadelphia since Montreal's Bill Stoneman in 1969 at Connie Mack Stadium.

A three-time All-Star, Beckett was the MVP of the 2003 World Series.

A.J. Burnett (3-4) lost in a matchup against his former

Marlins teammate.

**BRAVES 7, ROCKIES 0**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Evan Gattis homered twice to support Julio Teheran's six scoreless innings as the Atlanta Braves beat Colorado.

Justin Upton and Chris Johnson added two-run homers for the NL East-leading Braves, who have won six of eight.

Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki left in the eighth and appeared to slightly limp as he walked off the field. He said he hit his left foot on a backswing, but said he thought he was OK. Teheran (4-3) lowered his ERA to 1.77. He gave up four hits and struck out six.

Franklin Morales (3-4) was chased in the fifth.

**BREWERS 7, MARLINS 1**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Jimmy Nelson pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings in his season debut for the Milwaukee Brewers in a win over Miami.

The Brewers' top prospect was recalled from Double-A Huntsville to start for Yovani Gallardo, who is nursing a sore left ankle.

Nelson (1-0) allowed five hits and three walks, but Miami went 0 for 7 against him with runners in scoring position.

Ryan Braun had four hits, including a double and a triple for the Brewers. Jonathan Lucroy had two doubles and a triple, and Kris



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Josh Beckett reacts after striking out Philadelphia Phillies' Chase Utley looking for a no-hitter baseball game, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Philadelphia. Los Angeles won 6-0.

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Davis doubled twice.

Randy Wolf (0-1) made his first start since September 2012. The 37-year-old lefty, trying to come back from the second Tommy John surgery of his career, gave up nine hits and six runs in five innings.

**NATIONALS 5, PIRATES 2**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Ian Desmond hit a pair of RBI singles as the Washington Nationals ended a four-game losing streak by beating Pittsburgh.

The Pirates had four in a row.

Doug Fister (2-1) allowed

one run and six hits in 5 1-3 innings with four strikeouts and no walks. Rafael Soriano pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

Francisco Liriano (0-5) is winless in 14 consecutive regular-season starts, dating to last Sept. 10.

**PADRES 4, CUBS 3**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Ian Kennedy pitched six strong innings as the San Diego Padres defeated the Chicago Cubs.

Kennedy (3-6) allowed one run and two hits. Huston Street got his 14th save in as many chances despite

giving up a two-run homer to Starlin Castro in the ninth inning.

The Cubs, who had four hits, were trying to win their first series since Sept. 9-11 in Cincinnati.

**DIAMONDBACKS 2, METS 1, 1ST GAME**

**METS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 2, 2ND GAME**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched six solid innings in his first start of the season and helped out with an RBI single as the New York Mets salvaged a doubleheader split with Arizona.

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**MARINERS 5, ANGELS 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Chris Young pitched shutout ball until Albert Pujols homered in the seventh inning, while Robinson Cano had three hits and two RBIs to raise his average to .332 as the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Young (4-2) kept the Angels hitless until Kole Calhoun singled with one out in the sixth. An inning later, Pujols hit his 506th career home run, pulling within three of Gary Sheffield for

24th on baseball's all-time homer list.

The Mariners scored five times in the first two innings off Tyler Skaggs (4-2). Three of the runs were unearned runs.

**WHITE SOX 6, INDIANS 2**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Conor Gillaspie hit three doubles while going 4 for 4 and Dayan Viciedo had a three-run homer as the Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland. Gillaspie scored twice and drove in a run. He became the first White Sox player with three doubles in a game since Paul Konerko on May 26, 2012, against the Indians.

Viciedo connected in the third inning against Josh Tomlin (3-2).

Jose Quintana (3-4) pitched six effective innings. Scott Downs got four outs for his first save.

**RANGERS 7, TWINS 2**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Nick Tepesch won his second consecutive start, Elvis Andrus and Chris Gimenez each had two RBIs, and the Texas Rangers beat Minnesota.

Tepesch (2-0) allowed two runs in 6 2-3 innings, striking out four to win consecutive starts for the first time in his career.

Alex Rios added two more



Chicago White Sox starter Jose Quintana delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians in Chicago, Monday, May 26, 2014.

**Associated Press**

hits and now has six straight multihit games.

Trevor Plouffe homered for

the Twins, who have lost four in a row. Kevin Correia (2-6) took the loss.



## NHL Roundup

# St. Louis' OT goal lifts Rangers over Habs

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Martin St. Louis found another way to lift up his New York Rangers teammates. This time he carried them within one win of the Stanley Cup finals. What St. Louis lacks in physical size, he compensates with heart. Since he rejoined the club one day after the unexpected death of his mother, without missing a game, St. Louis has provided inspiration on and off the ice.

Now he also is delivering the clutch offense he has always been known for.

St. Louis scored his sixth goal of the playoffs 6:02 into overtime to give the Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals Sunday night.

New York leads the series 3-1 and can advance to the championship round for the first time since claiming the Cup 20 years ago as early as Tuesday night in Montreal. The Rangers won the first two games on the road before losing Game 3 in overtime Thursday night.

"It's a big difference up 3-1 instead of 2-2 going back to Montreal," St. Louis said. "We were obviously disappointed with the result last game. We thought we played a good game. That's just hockey. Tonight we are on a good end, and it's a big plus."

A loose puck came to St. Louis, alone in the right circle, and he fired a snap shot over goalie Dustin Tokarski's shoulder.

"I just got open," said St. Louis, who has 39 career playoff goals. "I tried to trust my instincts. I hit some good shots, he made some good



**New York Rangers' Martin St. Louis celebrates his game-winning goal during overtime in Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Eastern Conference finals against the Montreal Canadiens, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in New York. The Rangers defeated the Canadiens in overtime 3-2.**

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saves. I was fortunate this one got by him."

The Rangers won after squandering a pair of one-goal leads.

"I just remember there was a turnover somewhere around the neutral zone. I'm not sure," Tokarski said. "St. Louis had some time and picked a corner on me. It's a game of inches, and we came up a bit short."

Carl Hagelin put the Rangers in front with a short-handed tally in the first period, and Derick Brassard made it 2-1 in the second. Hagelin also assisted on St. Louis' winner.

"By no means are we counting ourselves out," Canadiens captain Brian Gionta said. "It's a tough loss, it's a bitter loss, but at the end

of the day we are still in this series. I still like our chances with two games at home."

The Rangers rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the second round against Pittsburgh.

Though there were 13 minor penalties, there was no carry-over of the nastiness in Game 3 when a hit by Montreal's Brandon Prust broke the jaw of New York forward Derek Stepan. Prust served the first game of a two-game suspension. Stepan sat out after having surgery.

The Rangers gave Montreal five power plays through the first two periods, and New York's penalty-killers stood tall. But the sixth produced the tying goal 2 minutes into the third period when Suban scored his first goal of

the series and first point in six games.

That broke the Rangers' run of 27 straight killed penalties, dating to Game 2 of the second round.

Montreal came at the Rangers in waves for much of the third period and nearly grabbed the lead when Alex Galchenyuk, who scored in overtime of Game 3, struck the crossbar with 3:17 left in regulation.

Brassard, the focal point of some of the war of words between the two head coaches over the weekend, proved he has recovered from his Game 1 injury when he ripped a slap shot past Tokarski to restore the Rangers' lead with 55.3 seconds left in the second.

Lundqvist stopped a puck behind the net and moved it up to Dan Girardi in the right circle. Girardi sent a pass nearly the length of the ice to Brassard, who grabbed the puck at the lower edge of the left circle, pulled his stick way back, held it loaded and then unleashed a drive that soared into the net for his fifth of the playoffs.

Brassard had missed most of the first three games of the series. Canadiens coach Michel Therrien said on Saturday he knew exactly what was ailing Brassard, comments that were perceived by the Rangers as a veiled threat.

The goal was a strong response by the Rangers, who lost their 1-0 lead at 8:08 of the second when Bouillon fired a shot in over Lundqvist's left shoulder during a 2-on-1 break.

The Rangers put themselves into trouble by taking three straight offensive-zone penalties in the first period, but they were the ones who produced a goal during the power plays.

While Benoit Pouliot was serving the first few seconds of his high-sticking penalty against defenseman Alexei Emelin, the Rangers gained control of the puck after a faceoff in their end. Brian Boyle was deep in the zone when he spotted Hagelin streaking up the middle of the ice.

Boyle hit him in stride with a pass just before the blue line, and Hagelin carried the puck in alone, shifted to his backhand in close, and slid the puck in at 7:18. New York's first short-handed goal of this postseason came 12 seconds into Pouliot's penalty. □

# Lowry tops qualifiers but Harrington misses cut

By The Associated Press

Ireland's Shane Lowry topped the list of U.S. Open qualifiers a day after missing out by a shot in qualifying automatically for next month's championship. Lowry shot rounds of a three under par 69 at Walton Heath's New Course on Monday and then posted a five under par 67 on Old Course for an eight under par total

to finish a stroke clear among the 14 leading qualifiers in a starting field of 105 players.

It is the second time in five attempts the 26-year old Dubliner has been successful at Walton Heath in qualifying for a U.S. Open.

The double European Tour winner had secured his biggest pay check in finishing runner-up to good friend Rory

McIlroy in Sunday's concluding BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth where a win would have seen Lowry having to avoid teeing up at Walton Heath.

However Lowry continued his good form at Walton Heath despite the wet, cold and miserable conditions.

"I played okay and putted really, really well holing a lot of

six to eight footers for par," he said. "But after finishing so close to victory yesterday I just carried a lot of momentum from Wentworth into today to get the job done."

"And while I was a little disappointed not to win the BMW PGA at least now I've done it the hard way so that I can join Rory at Pinehurst."

Lowry's second place finish

in the BMW PGA Championship saw him jump 68 spot to World No. 74 and the likelihood of adding also August's PGA Championship to his schedule. But while Lowry won through to the U.S. Open fellow Irishman Padraig Harrington will now miss a first U.S. Open in 15 years after falling six shots shy of qualifying with rounds of 75 and 71. □





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# Johnson ends drought at Coca-Cola 600

**PETE IACOBELLI**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**CONCORD, North Carolina (AP)** — Jimmie Johnson reached Victory Lane for the first time this Sprint Cup season at the Coca-Cola 600, finishing off a dominating week at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"It's great to win, but believe me, and I promise you, all the hype and all the concern and worry, that was elsewhere. That wasn't in my head," Johnson said.

Now, Johnson can think about his record-breaking seventh Cup win at Charlotte, about his 13th straight NASCAR season with a victory or about his fourth 600 victory to trail only Darrell Waltrip's five in the series' longest race. And maybe throw a scare into opponents that Johnson's run at top isn't over yet.

"They know we are awake," Johnson said. "Hopefully, the 48 is heading that way and we can give other people something to think about."

This time, Johnson swept past Matt Kenseth nine laps from the end and was never pressured after that. Johnson earned the pole Thursday night, was strong at practice Saturday and led 165 of 400 laps Sunday.

Kevin Harvick, who led 100 laps, was second. Kenseth finished third with Carl Edwards fourth. Jamie McMurray, the All-Star race winner last weekend at the track, was fifth.

Kurt Busch's attempt at motorsports history ended

with 129 laps to go when he blew an engine. Busch finished sixth in the Indianapolis 500, but could not complete the 600 and become just the second racer ever — Tony Stewart was the first — to navi-

in the Penske machine sent Keselowski back to the pits and a lap down. Much of the pre-race attention was centered on whether Busch or points leader Jeff Gordon would make to the starting line. Busch

began. He received loud cheers and plenty of high-fives from fans and took a seat on the bench where driver introductions were made. As colleagues and competitors made their way up the steps, most

said. "We gave it our all with the way we were clawing our way up there."

The 42-year-old Gordon, a four-time series champion, has dealt with back problems before and his No. 24 team had driver Regan Smith on standby if Gordon couldn't go.

But if Gordon's back bothered him during the race, he didn't show it with his performance. He spent much of the night in the top 10 and was out front until Kenseth passed him on a restart 16 laps from the end. Gordon finished seventh, his ninth top-10 finish in 12 events this year. "It was tough. I was aching in there. There was one time when I got on the brakes into (Turn) 1 and it triggered something. I didn't know what was going to happen after that, but it settled down," Gordon said.

Gordon maintained his points lead by 11 over second-place Kenseth. Danica Patrick had hopes of a strong showing after qualifying fourth, her best starting spot of the season. But like Busch, she too, was out early with a blown engine 119 laps from the end. She was 39th, her poorest finish in three 600s.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. came into this one with seven top 10s in 11 races and the hope he could finally win a points race at his beloved home track. He led 13 laps late in the race before he had engine problems as well and faded from contention. He ended 19th. □



Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Coca-Cola 600 auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Sunday, May 25, 2014.

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gate all 1,100 miles on auto racing's biggest weekend.

Harvick had won two of the past three 600s and led 100 laps this time. He fell back in the latter stages as he dealt with car problems and could not get back to the front.

"We needed a 700-mile race to get back to where we needed to be," Harvick said.

Brad Keselowski held the lead and appeared to have out-pitted Johnson's No. 48 group with a final stop 55 laps from the end. But a vibration

because of his 850-mile trek South from Indiana and Gordon because of back spasms that cropped up Thursday after qualifying and were still severe enough Saturday for him to leave the track early after just a few laps of practice.

But both were there when the green flag dropped, although Busch's arrival was far more dramatic with the helicopter circling the track and landing on the infield close to the start-finish line about an hour before the race

made sure to chat up Busch or shake his hand on a job well done.

Busch had a bit of luck to stay on the lead lap, twice earning a lucky dog bid after going a lap down to return among the leaders. He eventually reached the top 10 and was running 16th when smoke started pouring out of his Stewart-Haas Chevrolet and sent him behind the wall and to a 40th-place finish.

"Kind of a shame, kind of symbolizes how it's been for the Haas Automation team," Busch



## French Open

# Australian champ Wawrinka stunned in French opener

**HOWARD FENDRICH**

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**PARIS (AP)** — The positive vibes and big-deal victories began for Stan Wawrinka at last year's U.S. Open, back when he still went by "Stanislas," and picked up steam at this year's Australian Open, where he earned the right to forever be called "major champion."

And yet all of that seemed so far away late Monday at the French Open as dusk approached — and defeat became apparent — in Wawrinka's first Grand Slam match since winning his first major title.

Surprisingly, Wawrinka looked listless. More stunningly,

he looked very little like a guy who was seeded No. 3 behind Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic and proclaimed himself "one of the favorites" just a few days earlier. In by far the biggest development of the tournament's first two days, Wawrinka lost in the first round at Roland Garros with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0 defeat to 41st-ranked Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain. "I was trying to find my game, trying ... to be aggressive, trying to find anything. And I didn't," said Wawrinka, whose trademark one-handed back-handed was off-target throughout. "I was com-



**Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka returns the ball to Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez during the first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Monday, May 26, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

pletely flat."

He is the first Australian Open champ to exit in the first round of that year's French Open since Petr Korda in 1998.

Garcia-Lopez has never been past the third round at a major.

During a pre-tournament news conference Friday, Wawrinka spoke about deriving confidence from his recent spate of success.

Long in the shadow of Roger Federer, his Swiss Davis Cup and Olympic teammate, not to mention good friend, Wawrinka reached his first major semifinal in New York last Septem-

ber, beating defending champion Andy Murray before losing a five-setter to Djokovic. In January, Wawrinka topped Nadal in the Australian Open final.

Boosting his clay-court bona fides heading to Paris, Wawrinka defeated Federer in April's final at the Monte Carlo Masters.

While he's never been beyond the quarterfinals at the French Open, Wawrinka seemed primed to do so.

Instead, he lost in the first round in Paris for the first time since 2006, when he was only 21.

"I need to put the puzzle

back together, but differently than in the past," Wawrinka said, "because now — after winning a Grand Slam, (Monte Carlo), being No. 3 in the world — everything is different."

Wawrinka — who recently told the ATP he'd rather go by the shortened version of his first name — finished with 62 unforced errors, 34 more than Garcia-Lopez.

"I think what made him lose is he was not very strong mentally — and I was," said Garcia-Lopez, who thought the match would be suspended because of impending darkness; there are no artificial lights on

French Open courts.

"I'm not as overwhelmed by emotions as I used to be," Garcia-Lopez said. "I played my game, on my terms."

Wawrinka's loss means yet another season will pass without one man winning the Australian Open and French Open; Jim Courier was the last to accomplish that double, in 1992.

Another top-10 man lost Monday when No. 9 Kei Nishikori of Japan was eliminated by Martin Klizan of Slovakia. No. 17 Roberta Vinci of Italy was the only seeded woman to exit Monday, when winners included 2012 champion Maria Sharapova and 2011 Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova.

Nadal and Djokovic, meanwhile, looked very much like the top two seeds. When No. 2 Djokovic's victory was interrupted by one of the passing showers that made Monday a stop-and-start affair, he pulled a white windbreaker over his head, plopped down on his changeover bench, and invited a ball boy to sit, too. Djokovic exchanged a racket for the kid's tournament umbrella. Then Djokovic handed over a Perrier, grabbed his own orange-colored drink, and the pair clinked bottles, sipped, then had a conversation. □



**Colin Montgomerie holds up the Alfred S. Bourne trophy after winning the 75th Senior PGA Championship golf tournament at Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor, Mich., Sunday, May 25, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

## Montgomerie wins Senior PGA Championship

**BENTON HARBOR, Michigan**

**(AP)** — Colin Montgomerie won the Senior PGA Championship on Sunday, finishing with a 6-under 65 for a four-stroke victory over 64-year-old Tom Watson.

It marked Montgomerie's first victory as senior, his first win in seven years and his first in an official event in the United States. He also claimed a senior major in his fifth attempt, something he didn't accomplish in 71 majors in his regular tour days.

The 51-year-old Scot finished at 13-under 261 at

Harbor Shores. The victory was his first since he took the 2007 European Open for his 31st European Tour title. Watson also closed with a 65.

Jay Haas and Bernhard Langer tied for third at 7 under. Haas had a 67, and Langer shot 70.

Montgomerie offered some comic relief on the final hole when he pulled his final approach some 20 yards only to get a bounce off the grandstand. The ball rolled to the middle of the green to set up a tap-in par.

Watson put a charge in the tournament when he made birdies on the second and fifth holes and started the back nine with consecutive birdies to pull within one shot of the lead. He missed a 4-foot birdie putt at the short par-5 15th hole that would have put him within one shot again. Montgomerie made a charge of his own. He birdied Nos. 8, 9 and 10 and, with precise iron shots and clutch putting, also made birdies at 12, 14 and 15 to pull away.

He will head home to

Scotland for a few weeks with a first-place check of \$378,000 and his name will go on the Alfred S. Bourne Trophy. The win also netted him a lifetime exemption to the Senior PGA Championship, and 2014 exemptions for the PGA Championship, Senior British Open and U.S. Senior Open.

Watson, who made a bid to be the oldest player to win a senior event of any kind, had five consecutive pars to end his round while missing several birdie chances. □



# Brazil's weak service makes WCup Tweets unlikely

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Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Ecstatic football fans unable to celebrate a World Cup win with real-time Tweets, or post "selfies" of themselves from inside stadiums. Or worse, emergency calls blocked by jammed cell-phone towers unable to handle the volume.

Those are among the fears as hundreds of thousands of mobile phone-wielding fans get ready to attend soccer's premier event in Brazil.

Experts say Cup visitors will discover that Brazil's mobile communications services are severely lacking, mostly because the government and telephone companies are ill-prepared for the month-long tournament. Some even worry about possible mobile network blackouts.

Even under the best conditions, voice calls often drop and accessing the Internet on a smartphone is mind-numbingly slow. As last year's protests during the Confederations Cup demonstrated, it can be impossible to use mobile services in a big crowd in a packed soccer stadium. Government investment was supposed to remedy the problem before the World Cup. Leaders promised blazing-fast 4G mobile networks in the 12 cities hosting the matches, but that didn't happen.

"We've learned from the Confederations Cup, and put specific trucks outside the stadium to enhance the connectivity,"

said Thierry Weil, FIFA's marketing director. "But at the end of the day, to be honest, having 70,000 in a stadium, where everybody wants to make a phone call at halftime, well, I'd say you better talk to your boyfriend or girlfriend ahead of the game."

In a worst-case scenario, the mobile communications systems could be so overloaded that people may not be able to call first responders in an emergency, said Christopher Gaffney, a visiting professor at



In this May 11, 2014 photo, a couple takes a selfie during the Brazilian league soccer match between Fluminense and Flamengo, at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Associated Press

Rio's Federal Fluminense University whose research focuses on Brazil's preparations for the World Cup and Olympics.

"World Cup visitors won't be able to communicate the way they want to," said Gaffney. "Instagram, Twitter, social media will not function at world class levels but at Brazilian levels, so people visiting Brazil will experience the frustrations we face every day."

The problems with Brazil's mobile services have emerged as demand has soared while the infrastructure for delivering them failed to keep pace.

There are more than 272 million active cellphone lines in the country of 200 million people, according to the telecommunications regulator Anatel.

The resulting spotty coverage makes telecommunications among Brazil's most loathed industries.

Telephone companies blame municipal governments for what they say is excessive red tape required to construct more

cellphone towers to improve mobile services.

But government officials complain that the telecommunications companies have greedily signed up tens of millions of Brazil's new middle-class consumers without adequately improving infrastructure.

"Companies need to invest in their data networks. There is a desire from citizens to access the Internet though their mobile devices and we have to expand the capacity of data networks," Anatel president Joao Resende said during a recent public hearing.

Brazil's Communications Minister Paulo Bernardo acknowledged that fans will have serious problems using cellphones in at least half of the stadiums. He has said time has run out to install equipment necessary to boost data services in many venues, including the Sao Paulo stadium hosting the June 12 opener.

Big events have shown what can happen when Brazil's communications networks are overloaded.

Networks couldn't handle the crush last year when 1 million people flocked to Copacabana for Pope Francis' first international visit, practically making a miracle necessary to send an Instagram photo. During last year's big street protests, demonstrators could rarely use their phones to make calls or post photos or videos of Brazil's largest demonstrations in a generation.

During the final of the Confederations Cup, a dress rehearsal for the World Cup, it was nearly impossible to send a text message or make a call from inside Rio's Maracana stadium. Technicians hope to set up reliable coverage in the bleachers by parking vans outside the stadiums with equipment serving as mobile Wi-Fi spots.

But problems such as dead spots are possible, said Carlos Duprat, head of Sinditel-ebrasil, a Brazilian industry group that is preparing cellphone coverage at World Cup venues.

In Brazil, municipalities are responsible for the use of

the ground and most have restrictions that don't allow us to build as many antennas as needed," said Duprat. He said telecom licenses have also been restricted.

Duprat said Brazil's main carriers invested heavily ahead of the Cup, but have faced hurdles like outdated laws restricting the construction of antennas.

"It's true, the carriers have problems," he said. "But they're not all to blame." Brazil's top carriers declined to comment on mobile services during the Cup, saying that Sinditelebrasil speaks for the industry.

Adriano Pires, director of the Brazilian Infrastructure Center in Rio de Janeiro blamed Brazilian bureaucracy for the insufficient infrastructure.

"The stadiums, the antennas, it all takes a long time to build and everything's delivered late because it's all linked," he said. "There's no point in having a cool stadium if you have a terrible telecommunications system." □



# World stocks mostly higher on US optimism

**KELVIN CHAN**

**AP Business Writer**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — World stocks mostly rose Monday on optimism about the U.S. economy, hints from China

about further stimulus and hopes for greater stability in Ukraine after its elections. Trading volumes were low, however, as U.S. and British markets were closed for

holidays.

Investor sentiment was boosted after the Standard & Poor's 500 on Friday finished above the 1,900 level for the first time.

The gains came after the Commerce Department on Friday reported that new home sales rose 6.4 percent in April after falling in the previous two months. Demand for new homes has been one of the last missing pieces as the U.S. economy, the world's largest, recovers from the global financial crisis.

Meanwhile, remarks by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang that suggested Beijing is preparing further mini-stimulus measures to support the economy gave a lift to Chinese shares.

Li said appropriate policy tools and timely fine tuning are being prepared as the world's second biggest economy continues to face "relatively big" downward pressure, the state-run China Daily newspaper said Saturday, citing a speech Li gave on Thursday. "There seems to be a growing view among Western strategists that while Chinese authorities

will keep monetary policy steady, they are starting to look at fairly targeted support for the economy," said Chris Weston, chief strategist at IG Markets in Melbourne.

In Europe, Germany's DAX rose 1.3 percent to close at 9,892.82 and France's CAC 40 gained 0.8 percent to 4,526.93. Investors were cheered by the fact that the result of the national election in Ukraine was accepted by both western powers and Russia. The president-elect said he would engage in talks with Moscow and seek to ease the crisis, though new attacks were made on pro-Russian militants in the eastern part of the country. Meanwhile, results from the European Parliament elections showed parties that are against the European Union and favor stronger national borders — on issues from immigration to business — made huge gains. □



A man looks at an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo. World stocks mostly rose Monday on optimism about the U.S. economy, hints from China about further stimulus and hopes for greater stability in Ukraine after its elections. (AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

# Pfizer says its bid for AstraZeneca is dead

**JENNY ANDERSON**

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Pfizer confirmed on Monday the end of its audacious bid to buy AstraZeneca, Britain's second-largest pharmaceutical company.

In a statement, Pfizer said it "does not intend to make an offer for AstraZeneca" in the wake of the British company's rejection of what the U.S. drug giant called its final offer earlier this month. The cash-and-share offer, which valued AstraZeneca at about \$119 billion, would have created the world's largest pharmaceutical company. Pfizer had indicated that it would not pursue a hostile bid, which would allow AstraZeneca's shareholders to vote on the deal without the approval of AstraZeneca's board. Under British takeover rules, Pfizer cannot come back with another offer for AstraZeneca for six months. The earliest it could offer a higher price would be in three months if AstraZeneca's board agreed to the talks.

"We continue to believe that our final proposal was compelling and represented full value for AstraZeneca based on the information that was available to us," Ian Read, Pfizer's chairman and chief executive, said in a statement. "As we said from the start, the pursuit of this transaction was a potential enhancement to our existing strategy."

The advances by Pfizer, the maker of best-selling drugs like Lipitor and Viagra, pitted two of the world's largest drug makers against each other, with powerful political forces from Westminster to the United States weighing in on corporate taxes, cancer research and pharmaceutical jobs in Britain, where an economic recovery is underway but employment remains shaky.

Pfizer made multiple offers for AstraZeneca, all of which were rebuffed by the British company's board. The directors said that the latest offer, made May 18, "undervalues the company and its attrac-



The Pfizer logo is displayed on the exterior of a former Pfizer factory in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Pfizer says it does not intend to make a takeover offer for British drugmaker AstraZeneca. The Monday, May 26, 2014 announcement comes a week after AstraZeneca's board rejected a proposed \$119 billion buyout offer from Pfizer, the world's second-biggest drugmaker by revenue. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

tive prospects." Pfizer's final offer valued the company at nearly 70 billion pounds at a time when AstraZeneca's market capitalization was roughly 55 billion pounds. AstraZeneca demanded an offer of more than 74 billion pounds.

That Pfizer was unable to use its vast clout to woo its smaller British counterpart, whose performance had been less than spectacu-

lar, marks a coup for AstraZeneca.

The British company staged a spirited defense against the takeover, arguing that its pipeline, dry not long ago, was chock full of promising new drugs, among them MEDI4736 a lung cancer drug, which some analysts thought could be worth up to \$6 billion.

It played up Pfizer's interest, if the merger were to

go through, to re-locate to Britain for tax purposes, known as an inversion. Such a deal would allow Pfizer to escape a higher American corporate tax rate and free its overseas profits from any claims by United States tax collectors.

British politicians weighed in, arguing that Pfizer should guarantee jobs, even though AstraZeneca has eliminated plenty of them. By the end of the bidding process, AstraZeneca shareholders were split on company's decision to balk at the deal.

Its largest shareholder, BlackRock, supported its decision to walk away but wanted AstraZeneca to renew its talks with Pfizer about a potential deal at a later date, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

Last week, AXA Group's British investment arm, which owns less than 1 percent of the drug maker, said AstraZeneca's board should allow shareholders to vote on Pfizer's offer. □



## Sticker Shock: Bacon, other pork prices rising

Mark Fisher

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**DAYTON, Ohio** -- A sustained surge in the cost of pork -- caused in part by a virus that has killed as many as 7 million pigs -- has forced restaurants and grocery stores to raise prices.

And more hikes may be on the horizon: Several restaurant and grocery store owners who so far have avoided boosting prices say they won't be able to do so much longer.

"We absorbed it for a long time, as long as we could," said Robert Bernhard Jr., owner of Dot's Market, which operates grocery stores in Bellbrook and Kettering, Ohio. "But we've had to adjust some of our prices, unfortunately."

Kroger has seen wholesale price increases and has "raised some retail (prices) accordingly," Kroger spokeswoman Rachael Betzler said.

Jack Gridley, who oversees meat and seafood for Dorothy Lane Market stores, said DLM has not raised fresh-pork prices, but did add 20 cents a pound to its spiral-sliced ham prices prior to Easter.

The porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv), which does not affect humans or food safety, kills 80 percent to 100 percent of the piglets that contract it. The virus began to emerge as a problem a year ago, and since then more than 4,000 outbreaks have been reported in at least 30 states, four Canadian provinces and several areas of Mexico.

The National Pork Producers Council said earlier this month that hog slaughter this summer could fall by more than 10 percent from 2013 levels because of PEDv. The council estimated that hog prices would rise by 15 to 25 percent, and consumer prices for pork by 10 to 12 percent. Droughts in several parts of the U.S. and the rising cost of grain used for livestock feed have contributed to the rising prices, which also have pushed beef prices higher.

But it's pork belly -- the cut from which bacon is made -- that has seen some of the biggest jumps. Bernhard said the suggested retail price of a 1-pound package of Oscar Mayer bacon has jumped to \$8.99 -- up from \$4.99 to \$5.99 a year ago. Dot's was selling it for less than the suggested retail price last week, but Bernhard said he was forced to raise the price of his bulk bacon from \$3.99 to \$4.49 per pound because of rising pork belly wholesale costs.

The region's restaurants that utilize pork front and center on their menus are facing similar pressures.

The OinkADoodleMoo barbecue restaurant chain has been offering its "Buck A Bone" Wednesday special on pork ribs for five years, but the rising wholesale cost of pork has forced Steve Meyer, OinkADoodleMoo's chief operating officer and a franchise owner, to raise the per-bone price to \$1.15. The cost of the restaurants' pulled-pork sandwich also rose, from \$4.89 to \$4.99. Those modest price increases won't cover Meyer's skyrocketing food costs. The pork shoulder used for pulled pork that he was buying a year ago for 97 cents a pound now costs \$1.81 a pound -- an 87 percent increase. "We'll take part of the hit, and we're feeling it," Meyer said. "There are no winners here."

Dan Davis, owner of Hickory River Smokehouse in Tipp City, Ohio, said his restaurant's wholesale pork costs have risen 70 cents a pound in recent months -- "the largest increase that we have seen in a long time," he said.

"We are reluctant to increase our menu prices, but it is something that we will eventually have to do in order to offset these drastic increases in food costs," Davis said. □

## To sell its Alstom bid; GE points to joint venture in France

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**VILLAROCHE, France** - In a cavernous factory planted in farmland here south of Paris, workers assemble the best-selling aircraft engine in history, in a feat of trans-Atlantic industrial cooperation that has few parallels. Engineers and technicians in blue overalls carefully marry U.S.-made engine cores - each containing a combustion chamber and related elements - to French-made turbofans, turbines and compressors. Combined, they form jet

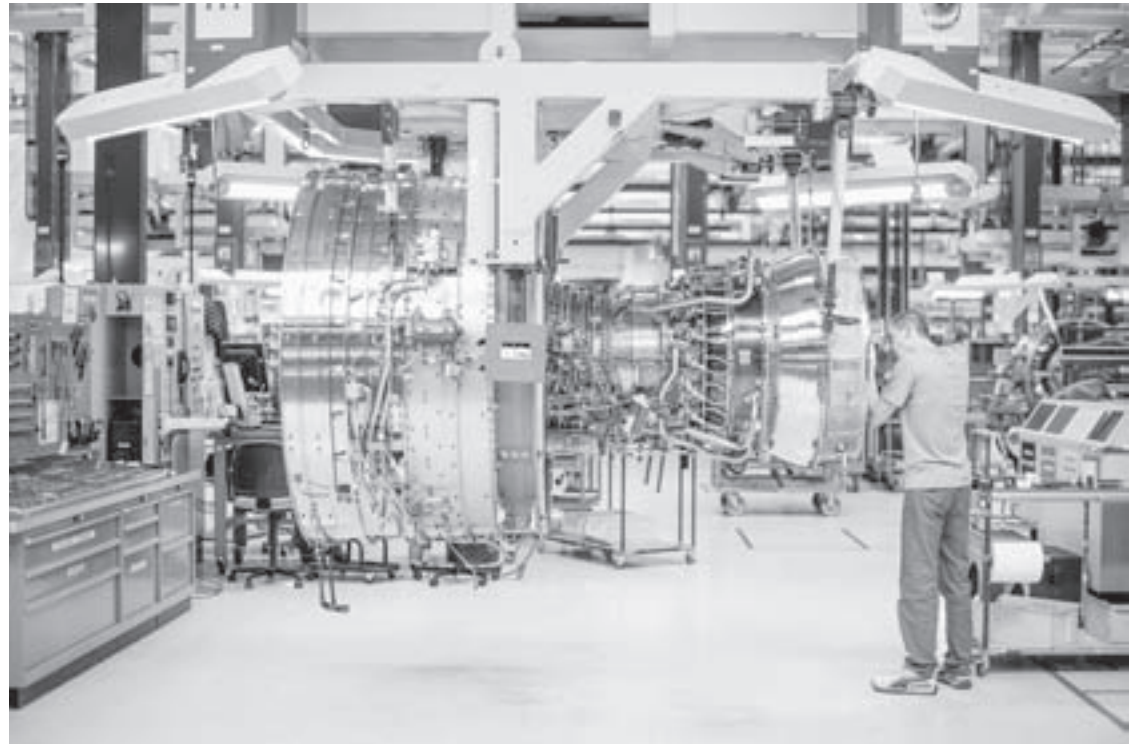
the company's \$13.5 billion friendly takeover offer for the power generation and transmission business of Alstom, a struggling French energy and transportation group. The CFM aircraft engine partnership is "the best industrial joint venture in the history of the world," GE's chief, Jeffrey R. Immelt, declared recently, in arguing that case.

Owned 50-50 by GE and Snecma, a unit of the French aerospace group Safran, CFM began as a risky niche project 40 years ago but has grown into an aviation juggernaut. Three-

Arnaud Montebourg, has praised the CFM venture, hinting that Paris might be more inclined to accept a similarly balanced GE-Alstom partnership than an outright takeover.

"It's extraordinary, a joint venture that has lasted 40 years," Montebourg told journalists in mid-May. "Every two seconds, a plane takes off or lands with a GE-Safran engine."

At the government's request, GE agreed Thursday to extend its Alstom offer to June 23 to allow further study. If CFM has never been a household name,



Workers at the CFM International plant where airline engines are built, in Villaroche, France. One of the partners in CFM's joint venture, the American industrial giant General Electric, has been citing CFM as evidence that GE knows how to work with France.

(Dmitry Kostyukov/The New York Times)

engines weighing 2 1/2 tons each.

Every month, up to 65 of these powerful machines are borne by a series of yellow cranes through assembly and testing stations before being shipped out for mounting on the wings of the world's most popular passenger jets.

The engines' builder? CFM International, the most successful joint venture you have probably never heard of.

But one of the partners, the U.S. industrial giant General Electric, has been citing CFM as evidence that GE knows how to work with France. It is Exhibit A in GE's case that France's government should bless

quarters of today's twin-engine single-aisle airliners built by Boeing and Airbus, about 10,000 planes now plying the world's air routes, are powered by CFM engines.

Far back in second place is Pratt & Whitney, a unit of the U.S. conglomerate United Technologies.

CFM's backlog of nearly 11,000 orders is enough to keep the mechanics here, along with their counterparts at another vast GE Aviation factory near Cincinnati, busy for most of the next decade. Worldwide, the joint venture employs about 30,000 people.

Even one of the biggest skeptics of GE's Alstom bid, France's economy minister,

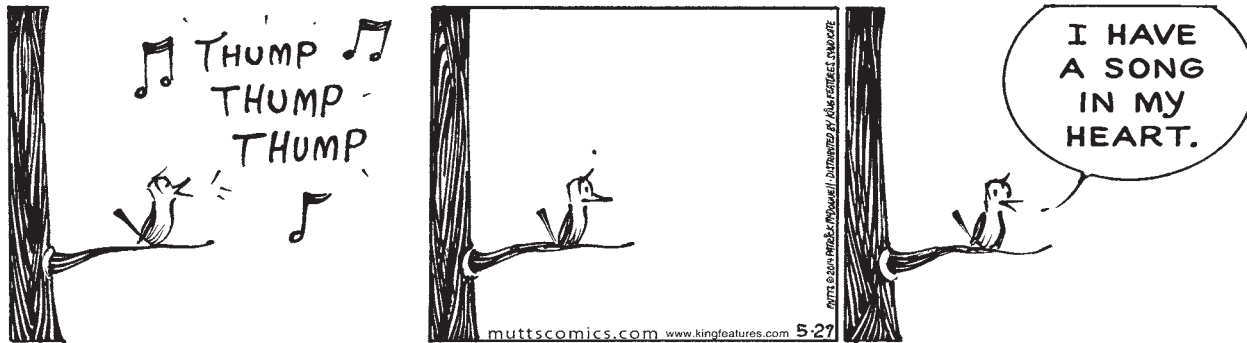
its success has nonetheless made it a subject for business school case studies, with some citing it as a template for profitable and enduring corporate cooperation.

Yves L. Doz, a professor of management at the Insead business school near Paris, said the venture's success was a result of its structural simplicity. CFM has almost no overhead, with just a few dozen administrative employees.

Unlike many such partnerships, there are no cross-shareholdings. GE and Snecma evenly split the proceeds of every sale, leaving each company in charge of managing its own operating costs. □



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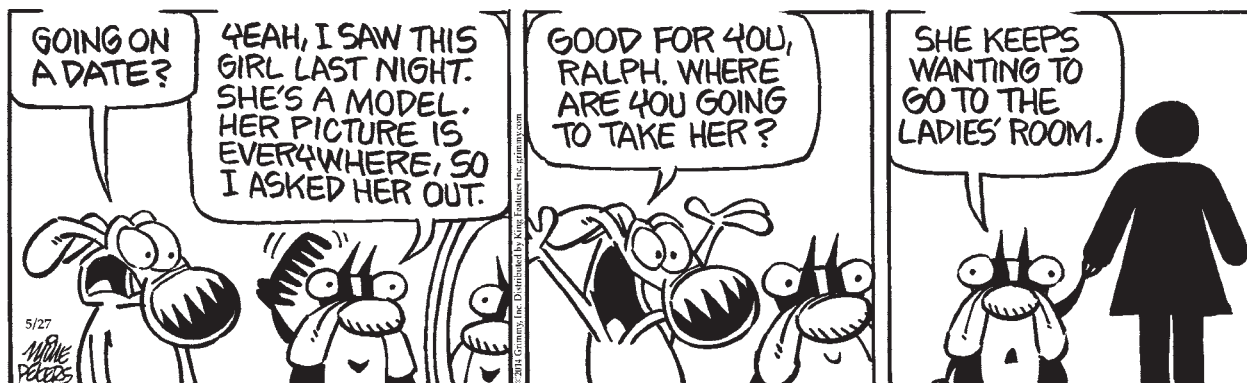
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

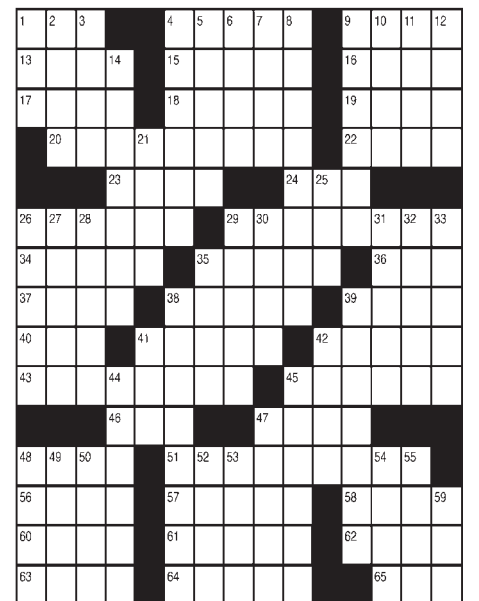
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- 15 Nonconformist
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- 17 A single time
- 18 Island nation south of Sicily
- 19 Appear
- 20 Good knife's quality
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- 23 Speaker's platform
- 24 Actor Linden
- 26 Take willingly
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- 34 President Ulysses S. \_\_\_
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- 36 Cut off
- 37 Bookish fellow
- 38 Moved back and forth
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- 40 Hearing organ
- 41 Drops of sadness or joy
- 42 \_\_\_frutti
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- 48 Vicinity
- 51 Found; set up
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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 55 In this place
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## Amassing weapons even in a state with restrictive laws

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**ISLA VISTA, Calif.** - Even in California, with some of the strictest gun control laws in the country, Elliot O. Rodger was able to amass a stash of weapons and ammunition, despite having struggled with mental health issues for years.

The authorities in Santa Barbara County said Rodger, 22, went on a shooting rampage Friday night that killed six people and injured 13. Rodger was found dead in his car after the rampage, and the police said he had apparently taken his own life. In the car, the police said, were three semiautomatic handguns, along with magazines loaded with more than 400 rounds of ammunition - all bought legally at local gun stores. In the aftermath of the shooting, questions have arisen about whether the authorities followed proper procedures in dealing with Rodger and whether they had missed warnings of the potential danger.

Under federal law, someone who is involuntarily committed to psychiatric treatment is barred from possessing firearms. But California's stricter laws impose temporary bans if individuals are deemed a threat to themselves or others and placed on an involuntary psychiatric hold or make a serious threat of violence against a "reasonably identifiable" person or persons to a licensed psychotherapist, who must then report such a threat to law enforcement.

The Santa Barbara County sheriff, Bill Brown, said Sunday that Rodger, who was visited by sheriff's deputies in April as part of a check on his welfare, offered no indications that he was "a danger to himself or anyone else."

"He just didn't meet the criteria for any further intervention at that point," Brown said Sunday on the CBS program "Face the Nation." "He was able to convince the deputies that this was all a misun-



Goleta Valley Gun & Supply, where gunman Elliot Rodger purchased his first gun in November 2012 for \$700, a Glock 34 semiautomatic pistol, in Goleta, Calif. Rodger, who went on a shooting rampage Friday, killing six people and injuring 13, was able to amass a stash of weapons and ammunition, despite having struggled with mental health issues for years.

(J. Emilio Flores/The New York Times)

derstanding, that although he was having some social problems, he was probably not going to be staying in school and going to be returning home. And he was able to make a very convincing story that there was no problem, that he wasn't going to hurt himself or anyone else."

California has banned high-capacity magazines, but Rodger had at least 41 low-capacity magazines, with more than enough ammunition to unleash a deadly attack, said Adam Winkler, a law professor at University of California, Los Angeles who is an expert in gun control laws. □

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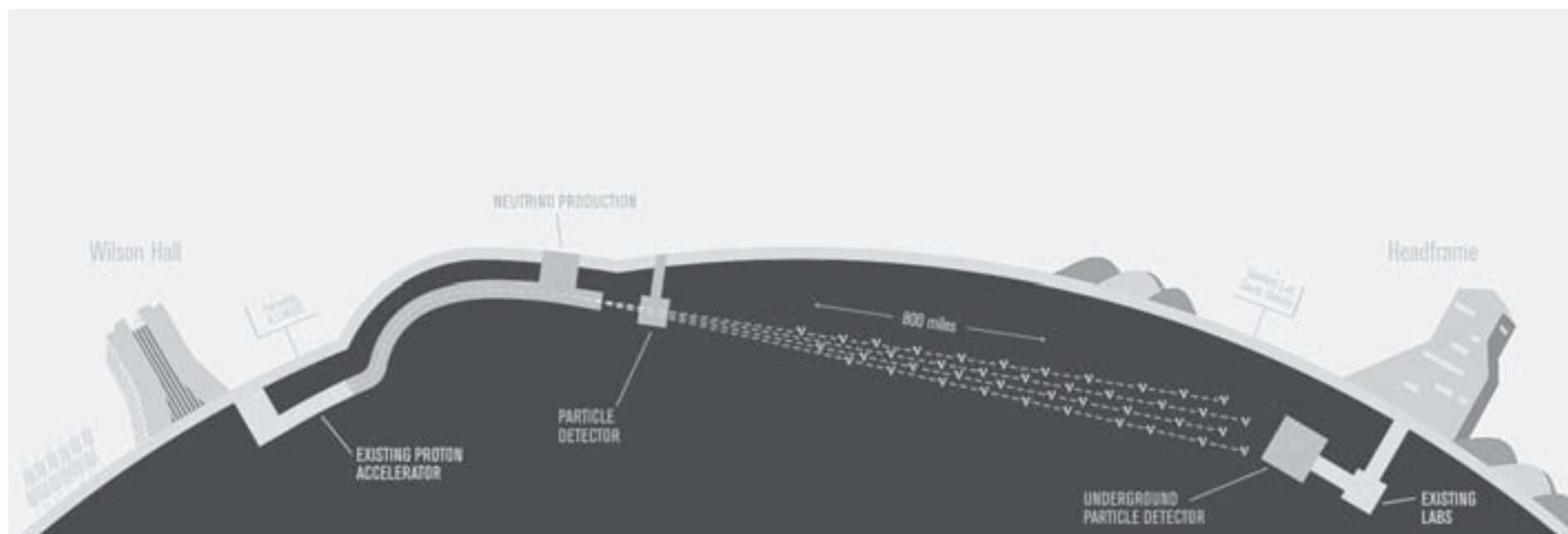
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# Physics panel to feds: Beam us up some neutrinos



This undated handout graphic provided by Fermilab in Chicago shows a proposed particle physics project that would shoot an invisible beam of neutrinos from Fermilab in Chicago to an old mine in South Dakota where a detector would look for it.

Associated Press

**SETH BORENSTEIN**

**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. should build a billion-dollar project to beam ghostlike subatomic particles 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) underground west from Chicago to the high plains state of South Dakota, a committee of experts told the federal government Thursday.

That would help scientists learn about these puzzling particles, called neutrinos, which zip right through us. The proposed invisible neutrino beam would be the biggest U.S. particle physics projects in many years, said panel chairman Steven Ritz of the University of California, Santa Cruz. Still,

it would be much smaller than Europe's Large Hadron Collider, which found the critical Higgs boson, colloquially called the God particle.

The neutrino beam was one of the top big-money projects the scientific panel suggested in a list of priorities for federal particle physics research. Other big projects included improvement of the European collider and the creation of a Japanese subatomic particle smasher.

If approved and funded, the neutrino beam would take about 10 years to build and could run for another 20 years, experts said.

"What CERN (the Europe-

an collider operator) did for the Higgs boson, we want to do with the neutrino," said Joe Lykken, a particle theorist at Fermi National Accelerator Lab in Chicago. That lab would create the beam and aim it at an old mine in Lead, South Dakota.

There, scientists hope a 50,000-ton (45,350-metric ton) detector would be able to spot an incredibly minute fraction of the particles.

Tiny and nearly massless, neutrinos are everywhere. About 100 trillion zip through us harmlessly each second. They were created by the Big Bang. They also form in the sun and our own bodies, but they are so fast and small that scientists have barely detected them for study.

"Of the known particles, the neutrinos as a group are the most oddball," Ritz said.

Neutrinos are a group because they come in three

types, or "flavors," and they can shift from one type to another. Scientists don't quite know why, Lykken said.

If a neutrino is eventually beamed from Chicago, "it starts out as a chocolate milkshake, but it's partly strawberry by the time it gets to South Dakota," Lykken said.

He added, "You study the oddball in order to get insights into everything else." Neutrinos could give scientists clues about the mysterious "dark matter" of outer space and other "weird astrophysical phenomena," said California Institute of Technology physicist Sean Carroll, who wasn't part of the scientific panel. □



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Herb Jeffries, seen in this 1999 file photo, who sang with the Duke Ellington Orchestra during the Swing Era and made movie history in the 1930s as the "Bronze Buckaroo" the silver screen's first black singing cowboy, has died.

Associated Press

## African-American cowboy crooner Herb Jeffries dies

JESSICA HERNDON  
AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Herb Jeffries, the first African-American singing cowboy to appear in movies in the 1930s, died of heart failure Sunday morning at a Los Angeles hospital. He was 100. His death was confirmed by Raymond Strait, who worked with Jeffries on his not-yet-published autobiography titled "Color of Love." Jeffries, who was born Umberto Valentino in Detroit in 1913 and was of Sicilian, Irish and Ethiopian descent, appeared as a horse-riding good guy with a thick mustache in a number of '30s westerns including "Harlem Rides the Range" and "Harlem on the Prairie," a musical that featured an all-black cast that included actor Spencer Williams. Jeffries was known for his luscious baritone. In the 1940s, he performed as a member of the Duke Ellington Orchestra and re-

leased his signature tune "Flamingo." In 1941, he appeared in Ellington's all-black musical revue "Jump for Joy" alongside Dorothy Dandridge in Los Angeles. His popular solo hits "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano" and "Basin Street Blues" were released after he'd served in World War II. Jeffries appeared in nine films and on television shows like "Hawaii Five-O" and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He was inducted into the Western Performers Hall of Fame in 2004. Strait said Jeffries recently had several surgeries that "just wore him out." He added that Jeffries "believed in one world and one people and was one of the most generous people I've ever met. He was always funding something or doing something for kids." Jeffries is survived by his fifth wife, Savannah; three daughters; and two sons. □

## Rolling Stones return to road in Norway

JULIE GRONNETVET  
Associated Press

**OSLO, Norway (AP)** — The Rolling Stones, who in March interrupted their 2014 world tour due to singer Mick Jagger's girlfriend's suicide, returned to the road Monday with a high-energy show lasting over two hours at Oslo's Telenor Arena.

Playing to a sold-out crowd of 23,000, Jagger did not mention the death of fashion designer L'Wren Scott, but proved himself proficient in Norwegian-language between-song patter. "It was a great rock 'n roll show," said Jan Martin Schultz, 55, who had travelled with two friends to Monday's concert. All had seen The Rolling Stones several times before, and remarked on Jagger's powerful energy.

"I saw them in Gothenburg in 1982, and I thought then they seemed old. They didn't seem old tonight," said Schultz.

The band played hits from



Members of The Rolling Stones with Keith Richards, guitar right, and drummer Charlie Watts, obscured centre, with Ronnie Wood, guitar left, perform during a concert in the Telenor Arena at Fornebu in Baerum just south of Oslo, Norway, Monday May 26, 2014.

Associated Press

their decades-long catalog, including a rendition of "You Can't Always Get What You Want" featuring Bergen's Edvard Grieg Youth Choir. The band ended their set with fireworks. The band in March interrupted their tour and later

rescheduled all their Australia and New Zealand tour dates upon news that Scott — Jagger's companion since 2001 — had committed suicide.

The Rolling Stones' next concert will be in Lisbon, Portugal on May 29. □

## Juliette Binoche goes back to her roots at Cannes



Actress Juliette Binoche laughs as she poses for photographers during a photo call for *Sils Maria* at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Friday, May 23, 2014.

Associated Press

THOMAS ADAMSON

**CANNES, France (AP)** — Juliette Binoche is going back to her roots — in more ways than one.

France's Oscar-winning leading lady hit Cannes this week, lighting up the Croisette for Olivier As-

sayas' "Clouds of Sils Maria" — back at the festival which first made her name nearly 30 years ago for the acclaimed "Rendez-Vous."

But this year's film, which co-stars a brilliant Kristen Stewart, also goes back to

Binoche's more intimate past, weaving in and out of biographical element and blurring fact and fiction.

"It was a challenge to play," she says. "There are parallels."

Binoche plays Maria, a respected older actress asked to act again in a revival of a play that made her famous twenty years ago as an ingenue. This time around, however, she is no longer will play the young gamine. She's the desperate, struggling older woman.

The actress, after all, first played an ingenue in 1985's "Rendez-Vous," the dark examination of sexual desire written by Assayas himself all those years ago. The actress went on to be known for her melancholic. □



## Arkansas AM station that launched legends returns

By **CHRISTINA HUYNH**  
**Associated Press**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) --** Decades ago, unknown blues musicians paid \$15 to appear on an east Arkansas radio station, hoping a few minutes of exposure would help them become the legends they now are: B.B. King, Howlin' Wolf, Sonny Boy Williamson and Ike Turner.

KWEM-AM fell silent in 1960 after more than a decade in the Mississippi River town of West Memphis, which musician Rufus Thomas then called "the Las Vegas of the South."

"Fifty-four years later, the station will be revived online this week by Mid-South Community College and on 93.3 FM by mid-August."

"Those musicians that came through KWEM were making great music, but moreover, they were making history," said Diane Hampton, the college's vice president of institutional advancement. "And the radio station preserves that history better than anything we could think of. 'It's one thing to tell it. It's another thing to hear it.'" KWEM's original frequency has survived as KWAM in Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis resident Dale Franklin purchased KWEM



This undated photo provided by Mid-South Community College in West Memphis, Ark. shows Eddie Bond at the microphone at radio station KWEM.

**Associated Press**

in 2009, briefly bringing it back on the air via the Web. He later sold it to Mid-South Community College, choosing the West Memphis school because he says he "wanted it in the right hands."

On Thursday, the school will host an event called "Flip the Switch" to celebrate KWEM's return to broadcasting online. Mid-South wanted to "capture the story, before everybody got so old that they couldn't re-

member it," college president Dr. Glen Fenter said. West Memphis used to be a destination spot for musicians, because, according to station historian Franklin, the city had "everything you'd have on Bourbon

Street" in New Orleans.

KWEM began broadcasting in 1947 and offered unknown artists - such as Scotty Moore and Johnny Cash - to perform live as long as they paid the fee or found a sponsor.

Resident Mary Toney, 67, recalled listening to KWEM as a child while her uncle drove her around town in his red GMC pickup. She also serves on the college's board of trustees.

"It was just what you did. You turned it on with pride because it was in your town," she said.

Toney remembers thinking that B.B. King's voice was "impressive" when it came on for a commercial. She was familiar with him already:

His voice used to ring through the walls of her childhood home on summer nights when he played at Square Deal Cafe, which was just a street over from her home.

"You would hear him playing on the weekend, because it was hot and the windows were open," she said. "There was no air conditioning." Station manager John Bennett won't reveal what will be KWEM's inaugural song when it officially comes on the Web this week. □

## 'The Three' by Sarah Lotz is imaginative thriller

**JEFF AYERS**  
**Associated Press**

Four planes crash in various parts of the world on the same day. On three of these planes, a child is the sole survivor.

These children are given the nickname "The Three." Their lives, and the world at large, will never be the same.

A phone call from a woman just before her death leads a pastor to believe that she was delivering a message from God, and that the children are three of the four horsemen of the apocalypse. His messages begin to promote the chil-

dren as harbingers of death and destruction. The pastor offers a reward for the child he believes survived the fourth plane crash.

Author Sarah Lotz utilizes a clever conceit in "The Three": The novel is presented as a reprinting of a nonfiction book, "Black Thursday: From Crash to Conspiracy" by Elspeth Martins. This book consists of transcripts, news articles and interviews with the children's relatives, neighbors and friends. Telling the story in this manner makes the reader feel like a detective along with the author as Martins looks for answers.

What she learns reveals that the children seem not to be the same as they were before the plane crashes, lacking both grief and any social skills while also appearing to have some special powers. Did demons or aliens possess them? And how did they survive?

The book's finale supposedly explains everything, but actually reveals little, and Lotz leaves too much unanswered. Still, the journey is compelling, and Lotz deserves credit for developing an imaginative tale and telling it in a unique way. □



This book cover image released by Little, Brown and Company shows "The Three," by Sarah Lotz.

**Associated Press**



## Memorial Day 2050



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Of the many things being said about climate change lately, none was more eloquent than the point made by Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington state in the Showtime series "Years of Living Dangerously," when he observed: "We're the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." The question is how do we motivate people to do something about it at the scale required, when many remain skeptical or preoccupied with the demands of daily life - and when climate scientists themselves caution that it is impossible to attribute any single weather event to climate change, even if recent weather extremes fit their models of exactly how things will play out as the planet warms.

Andrew Sullivan's Dish blog last week linked to a very novel approach offered by Thomas Wells, a Dutch philosopher: Since climate change and environmental degradation pit the present against the future, our generation versus those unborn, we should start by giving the future a voice in our present politics.

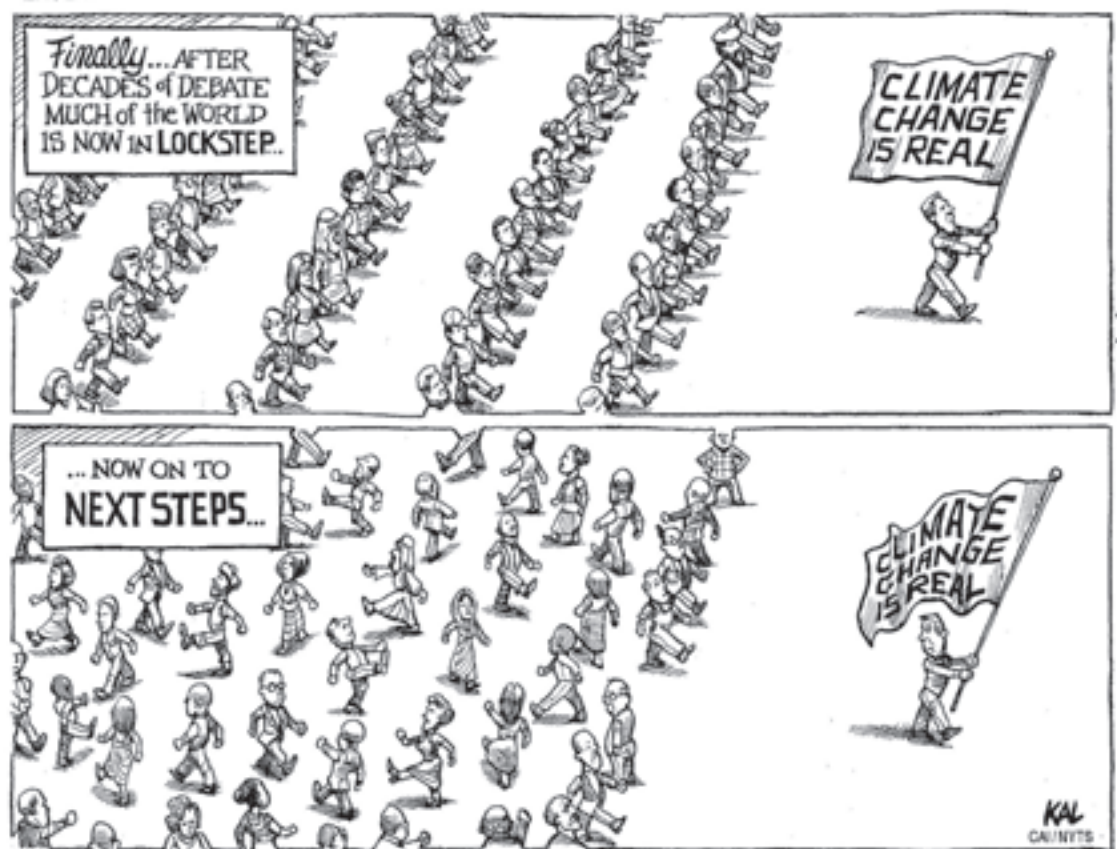
"Even if we can't know what future citizens will actually value and believe in, we can still consider their interests, on the reasonable assumption that they will somewhat resemble our own (everybody needs breathable air, for example)," wrote Wells in Aeon Magazine. Since "our ethical values point one way, towards intergenerational responsibility, but our political system points another, towards the short-term horizon of the next election," we "should consider introducing agents who can vote in a far-seeing and impartial way." Wells suggests creating a public "trusteeship" of nongovernmental civic and charitable foundations, environmental groups and nonpartisan think tanks "and give them each equal shares of a block of votes adding up to, say, 10 percent of the electorate," so they can represent issues like "de-carbonizing the economy" and "guaranteeing pension entitlements" for the unborn generation that will be deeply impacted but has no vote. Unrealistic, I know, but the need to incorporate longer time scales into our societal choices is very real - and right in the lap of our generation. Andy Revkin, who blogs at Dot Earth for The Times' Opinion section, put it well: "We are coming of age on a finite planet and only just now recognizing that it is finite. So how we manage infinite aspirations of a species that's been on this explosive trajectory, not just of

population growth but of consumptive appetite - how can we make a transition to a stabilized and still prosperous relationship with the Earth and each other - is the story of our time."

One way to get us to act with an intergenerational perspective is to enlarge the problem beyond climate - to make people understand that this is our generation's freedom struggle. The abiding strategy of our parents' generation was "containment" of communism in order to be free. The abiding strategy of our generation has to be "resilience." We will only be free to live the lives we want if we make our cities, country and planet more resilient.

Even if we can't attribute any particular storm to climate change, by continually pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere we are "loading the dice" in ways that climate scientists are convinced will continue to raise average temperatures, melt more ice, raise sea levels, warm oceans and make "normal" droughts drier, heat waves hotter, rainstorms more violent and the most disruptive storms even more disruptive. It is crazy to keep loading those dice and making ourselves more vulnerable to disruptions that will make us less free to live the lives we want. How free will we be when paying the exorbitant cleanup costs of endless weather extremes? Moreover, acting today as if climate change requires an urgent response - like replacing income and corporate taxes with a carbon tax, introducing a national renewable portfolio standard to constantly stimulate more renewable energy and raising the efficiency standards for every home, building and vehicle - actually makes us healthier, more prosperous and more resilient, even if climate change turns out to be overblown. We would end up with cleaner air and a tax structure that rewards more of what we want (work and investment) and disincentivizes what we don't want (carbon pollution). We would be taking money away from the worst enemies of freedom on the planet, the world's petro-dictators; and we would be incentivizing our industries to take the lead in manufacturing clean air, water and power systems, which will be in huge demand on a planet going from 7 billion to 9 billion people by 2050.

In short, by taking the climate threat seriously now, we'd make ourselves so much more economically, physically, environmentally and geopolitically resilient - and, therefore, more free. What containment was for our parents' generation - their strategy to fight for freedom against the biggest threat of their day - resiliency will be for our generation against the multiple threats of our day: climate change, petro-dictatorship and destruction of our environment and biodiversity. Let's act so the next generation will want to honor us with a Memorial Day, the way we honor the sacrifice of previous generations. □



## It's No Picnic in the Senate



GAIL COLLINS  
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Happy Memorial Day Weekend! Time for summer fun! So let's discuss congressional gridlock. Really, what did you expect? If you want a barbecue, go light some charcoal.

It's been awhile since we've talked about Congress. Do you remember when we used to complain all the time about how our legislators can't get things done? Now we can go for weeks - months! - without even wondering what the little devils are up to. Which is very, very little. "I don't like to say this is the worst I've ever seen," said Sarah Binder, a congressional expert at the Brookings Institution, who thinks this is the worst she's ever seen. In the Senate, which is always the more interesting spot, the Republicans say they have to stall things because they're protesting the way the majority leader, Harry Reid, bullies them around and won't let them offer amendments.

It is definitely true that Harry Reid is not the most adorable personality on the planet. If Congress were a school, he would be the teacher nobody wants for homework. However, the Republicans' complaint isn't actually that they can't propose any changes. They're demanding their historic prerogative to propose changes that have nothing whatsoever to do with the subject at hand.

"That is part of the charm of this body," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, yearning for the good old days when "we all had a chance to bring up amendments whether they were germane or not."

Hatch was trying to explain why his party was torpedoing a bill to extend a huge pile of tax benefits for everything from homeowners to students to NASCAR racetracks. It was an extremely popular package, but it went nowhere.

However, several Republicans congratulated Ron Wyden, the new Finance Committee chairman, for his great work in putting together a bipartisan piece of legislation that they were rejecting because of Reid's refusal to entertain a series of charming amendments about Obamacare.

The minority leader, Mitch McConnell, claims that if the Republicans took control this fall, he'd allow endless amendments and force the senators to keep debating until they collapse. ("The fatigue factor is the best tool you have.") And that could definitely be enjoyable.

But, for right now, let's say a few words in memory of the recently deceased energy efficiency bill. Oh, poor energy efficiency bill.

This one is the product of more than three years of labor by Democrat Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire and Republican Rob Portman of Ohio. It's about encouraging people to install energy-efficient technologies in their homes and businesses. Nobody hates this bill. If this bill were an animal, it would have soft fur and cute perky ears. Senate staff members would save special treats for it. The Shaheen-Portman Energy Efficiency Bill would trot from office to office, purring happily and being stroked and tickled by the tourists.

Then it got squashed. "We thought - well, knowing Washington you never know till it's over. But we thought we had

an agreement," said Shaheen sadly.

This was the second time in nine months that Shaheen and I had the exact same conversation. Last year, it was after the bill died because Reid refused to allow the Republicans to tack on some amendments about Obamacare.

This time, McConnell demanded a vote on the Keystone XL oil pipeline. But then Reid said he'd allow a vote on the Keystone pipeline. Then it was about ... other stuff.

It was as if Reid had agreed to let the Republicans pick their salad dressing, and then McConnell decided they wanted an open menu that included options for kohlrabi and pickled seal.

"If the amendments are wild-eyed and 'out there,' they will surely be defeated," Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona assured the Democrats, who seemed unpersuaded.

Some people blame the bill's demise on Scott Brown, the former U.S. senator from Massachusetts who has now moved to New Hampshire to run against Shaheen. (Do you think the Brown campaign is actually being secretly recorded for a reality show? Think about it - a cute guy in a truck drives around the country, fixes up a home, runs against a woman for the Senate, and then moves on to a different state. You'd have all the political drama of "House of Cards" combined with the excitement of "House Hunters" and the sexual tension of "The Bachelor.")

But about the energy bill. The theory is that Brown called the Republicans with whom he served in his previous incarnation as a senator and asked them not to give Shaheen a win. If that made the difference, it would have been the most significant thing Brown ever managed to achieve in his legislative career. But I think it was actually just the way the Senate doesn't work. □



# Former Jets' GM on Other Side of the Bargaining Table

**ZACH SCHONBRUN**

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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.**

The windows in his new office face west, away from MetLife Stadium, about a mile away. Mike Tannenbaum could have gone about anywhere to restart his career after being fired as general manager of the New York Jets last year. But he chose a small office enclave inside the practice home of the Brooklyn Nets. Here, with a flat-screen television, a whiteboard, a 200-gallon saltwater fish

New York sports fans and others. When Warriors general manager Bob Myers first heard who was representing Kerr, "my first reaction," Myers said, "was somebody must have mis-spoke."

Indeed, it is believed to be a first: a former general manager of a professional franchise opting to work for an agency, roughly the equivalent of a former coach becoming a referee. After years of fretting about the NFL salary cap and saying no, Tannenbaum was now

dinator Dan Quinn.

And what is more, he opted not to leave town. Driving to work every day, he still passes MetLife Stadium. "I think there would be a lot of people telling me that I'm nuts, that I should leave the area and start fresh," Tannenbaum said last week. "I'd be less than candid if I said I don't have days where I understand that."

He continued: "We had a great run here, and I don't need to go past MetLife every day. I don't need to live

Jan. 2, 2013, Tannenbaum received a call from Bartelstein, an influential agent based in Chicago. They had worked together on deals, and their relationship was good. Bartelstein wanted to start a branch of his company to focus on non-athlete clients, and he recognized in Tannenbaum - a numbers cruncher with accounting and law degrees - a unique opportunity.

"He has a view of the business unlike anyone else because of his past experiences," Bartelstein said,

and I didn't want to relocate," Tannenbaum said. "Those were three really important factors for me."

He began working out of his house in Basking Ridge, N.J., where his first employee, a former Jets intern named Aaron Steeg, sat in the dining room and sneaked food to Tannenbaum's Labrador, Larry, under the table. After a few months, office space was necessary, and Tannenbaum added a third employee, Marc Barone, a former Wall Street trader with no sports background. Bartelstein introduced Tannenbaum to Kerr, one of his longtime clients, at the Final Four in 2013, and from there, Tannenbaum began gearing Kerr up for the 2014 job-hunting season. He and his staff gathered data on every coach's contract in the NBA and put together a 41-page manifesto detailing how Kerr would run a program.

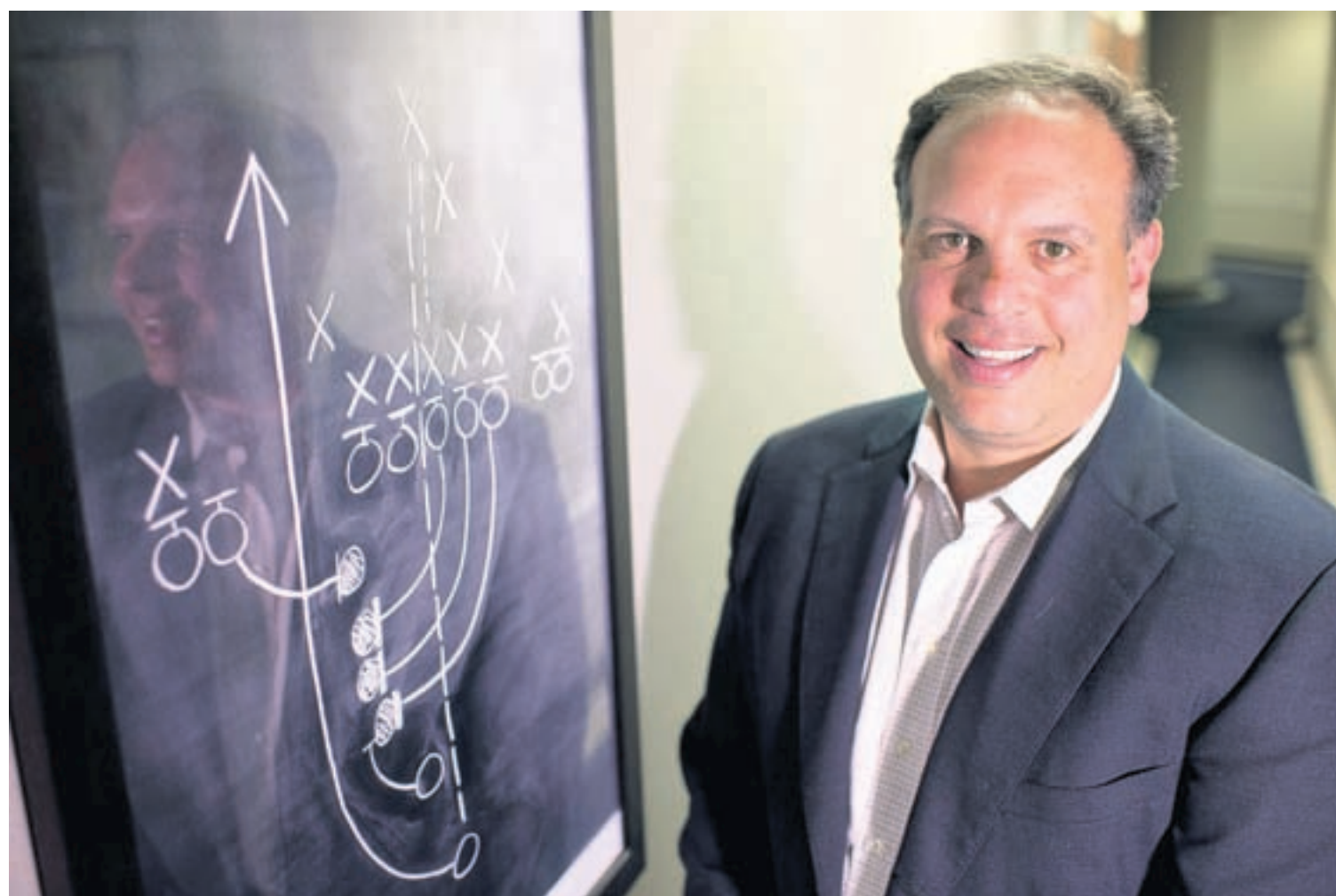
When Mike Woodson was fired by the Knicks, Kerr's relationship with Phil Jackson, the new president, made that franchise an early front-runner. Then Mark Jackson was fired at Golden State, and Kerr also had a relationship with the Warriors' owner, Joe Lacob, and the president, Rick Welts, who worked with Kerr with the Phoenix Suns. Suddenly, Tannenbaum had a bidding war at his fingertips.

Jackson pushed hard to bring Kerr, his former point guard with the Chicago Bulls, on board as coach.

"Phil Jackson had a very detailed plan for how he was going to get that team better," Tannenbaum said. "There was no ambiguity that if Steve went there, he'd know exactly what Phil's plans were to turn the team around."

Tannenbaum declined to get into specifics but said the Knicks met all of Kerr's contract criteria.

Ultimately, Kerr made the choice because of "his comfort zone with the Warriors' roster and having three kids on the West Coast," Tannenbaum said. □



**Mike Tannenbaum, fired in 2013 as general manager of the New York Jets, at his office at Priority Sports & Entertainment, a sports agency in East Rutherford, N.J. Tannenbaum's leap from a NFL front office to the agent's chair is an unprecedented move in the sports world, but he has already found a measure of success and comfort.**

(Nancy Borowick/The New York Times)

tank and, in the background, bouncing basketballs, Tannenbaum could rediscover himself as the opposite of what he used to be.

When the Golden State Warriors hired Steve Kerr as their coach last week, Tannenbaum was the unlikely figure behind the deal. He was Kerr's agent, and he skillfully used the New York Knicks' interest to secure a five-year, \$25 million contract for a first-time coach. His re-emergence in this new vein was a twist for

the aggressor, pushing for more money, more years, more incentives, with the meticulous approach that carried him to the top rung of the Jets' front office at 36.

As the president for the new coaches, front office and broadcasters division of Mark Bartelstein's Priority Sports & Entertainment, Tannenbaum counts Kerr and Danny Manning as clients, as well as former Oakland Raiders coach Hue Jackson and Seattle Seahawks defensive coordinator

in a market where every day, they're talking about guys that I spilled blood with. That was a great experience, and there was great closure to that. I do look at MetLife with a tremendous amount of mixed feelings.

But I feel like to leave would be selfish. That would be about my feelings. I think about my family, and they're happy here and they're thriving."

Only a few days after the Jets fired him after his seventh season as GM, on

adding, "I'm also a huge believer in anything you do in business; it's tremendously beneficial if you have a view from the other side of the table."

Tannenbaum, who began doing on-air work for NFL Network, said he took a few months before deciding to join Bartelstein. He fielded inquiries from other teams about front-office roles but liked the idea of something different.

"I felt like I want to own something, and I want to do it with good people,